

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”)
7 and 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	4,589,480	5,309,541
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13	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>	<u>286,936</u>
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14	Total	4,876,416	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	4,876,416	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	8,457,653	7,620,986
2	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>	<u>5,329,448</u>
3	Total	13,787,101	12,950,434
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<u>13,787,101</u>	<u>12,950,434</u>
6	Total	13,787,101	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	2,959,862	3,076,468
10	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
11	Total	3,157,769	3,274,375
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
14	Total	3,157,769	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>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
18	Total	19,000,000	17,500,000
19	Source of funds		

1	General fund	19,000,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
2	Total	19,000,000	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>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
6	Total	<u>9,500,000</u>	11,000,000

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
9	Total	<u>9,500,000</u>	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>3,410,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
13	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	3,410,000	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	140,473,564	137,063,564
3	Transportation fund	4,542,959	4,542,959
4	Special funds	34,043,313	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	64,512,754	65,071,320
15	Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
16	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
17	Total	78,499,456	79,058,022
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	72,601,728	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	78,499,456	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	6,092,392	6,240,913
6	Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>	<u>481,237</u>
7	Total	6,538,629	6,722,150
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	6,538,629	<u>6,722,150</u>
10	Total	6,538,629	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	7,630,863	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	<u>83,279,417</u>	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	101,826,392	102,692,154

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	<u>87,421,532</u>	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	101,826,392	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	<u>5,116,729</u>	5,686,729
18	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
19	Total	7,215,673	7,785,673

20 Source of funds

1	General fund	1,929,676	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	7,215,673	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>1,219,834</u>	<u>933,121</u>
10	Total	3,173,095	2,886,382

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
13	Total	3,173,095	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	2,508,514	2,808,514
17	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
18	Total	4,651,117	4,951,117

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	4,260,265	4,560,265
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1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
2	Total	4,651,117	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	1,243,420	1,175,647
6	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
7	Total	1,385,584	1,317,811
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	1,292,811	1,317,811
10	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
11	Total	1,385,584	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	2,053,382	2,683,532
16	Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
17	Total	6,529,670	7,159,820
18	Source of funds		
19	Special funds	<u>6,529,670</u>	<u>7,159,820</u>
20	Total	6,529,670	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	279,384,152	282,360,288
5	Special funds	121,247,670	121,877,820
6	Tobacco fund	685,239	685,239
7	Federal funds	239,445,060	239,352,287
8	ARRA funds	6,627	6,627
9	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829	16,529,829
10	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>	<u>17,847,569</u>
11	Total	675,906,146	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	11,231,120	7,199,632
16	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
17	Total	32,359,720	28,328,232

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	15,569,598	13,465,739
20	Special funds	135,517	135,517

1	Federal funds	14,023,964	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	32,359,720	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	2,207,280,248	<u>2,267,099,358</u>
8	Total	2,207,280,248	<u>2,267,099,358</u>

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	712,815,861	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	1,406,003,180	1,448,546,913
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
16	Total	2,207,280,248	<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	142,860,018	148,653,725
20	Operating expenses	36,310,876	37,434,661

1	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
2	Total	182,283,195	189,200,687
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	43,820,359	46,204,011
5	Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
6	Federal funds	126,141,154	130,644,944
7	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601	4,412,651
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
9	Total	182,283,195	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	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
14	Total	979,554,012	1,009,246,202
15	Source of funds		
16	Global Commitment fund	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
17	Total	979,554,012	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	67,605,443	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	67,605,443	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	44,034,870	44,593,047
12	Source of funds		
13	General fund	13,467,770	13,636,779
14	Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>	<u>30,956,268</u>
15	Total	44,034,870	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	8,043,463	9,006,777
20	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>

1	Total	25,193,186	26,156,500
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	4,298,710	4,780,367
4	Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
5	Federal funds	10,954,085	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	25,193,186	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	<u>48,496,832</u>	<u>48,541,832</u>
14	Total	130,140,939	130,185,939
15	Source of funds		
16	General fund	15,160,817	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	18,457,507	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	130,140,939	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	12,456,526	13,271,526
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,420,029</u>	2,522,590
7	Grants	<u>279,691,678</u>	<u>282,916,053</u>
8	Total	294,568,233	298,710,169
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	13,127,716	15,280,378
11	Special funds	6,836	6,836
12	Federal funds	13,158,032	12,800,308
13	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840	269,314,838
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>	<u>1,307,809</u>
15	Total	294,568,233	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	40,937,117	41,323,934
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>	<u>3,393,946</u>
20	Total	44,331,063	44,717,880

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	18,868,124	18,698,157
3	Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>	<u>24,308,467</u>
5	Total	44,331,063	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 &
8 support services

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

13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	43,680,871	46,217,414
15	Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
16	Federal funds	24,518,288	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	74,400,600	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	155,213,951	156,296,079

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	63,680,993	63,041,558
9	Special funds	729,150	729,150
10	Federal funds	37,407,542	38,588,277
11	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266	53,922,094
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
13	Total	155,213,951	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	235,128,138	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	235,128,138	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	2,558,460	2,514,961
10	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
11	Total	12,977,027	12,740,064

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	7,470,372	7,352,839
14	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
15	Total	12,977,027	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	10,430,779	10,689,625

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	10,189,157	10,492,643
3	Federal funds	11,098	11,098
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>	<u>185,884</u>
5	Total	10,430,779	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	<u>36,532,863</u>	<u>34,302,585</u>
10	Total	36,556,684	34,326,406

11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	24,035,417	21,805,139
13	Special funds	5,970,229	6,106,068
14	Federal funds	2,806,330	2,670,491
15	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
16	Total	36,556,684	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	1,376,425	1,646,237
2	Operating expenses	159,458	159,458
3	Grants	<u>39,165,356</u>	<u>41,022,744</u>
4	Total	40,701,239	42,828,439
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	32,312,474	34,312,474
7	Special funds	83,135	83,135
8	Federal funds	5,118,329	5,118,329
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>	<u>3,314,501</u>
10	Total	40,701,239	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>3,476,862</u>	<u>5,376,862</u>
17	Total	3,773,737	5,673,737
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<u>3,743,737</u>	5,643,737
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
21	Total	3,773,737	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	7,321,114	7,191,114
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>	<u>9,130,841</u>
3	Total	24,909,492	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	349,987,467	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	349,385,699	350,574,180
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
15	Total	349,987,467	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	7,540,256	7,544,967

1 Source of funds

2	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
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3	Total	7,540,256	7,544,967
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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>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
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7	Total	346,858,094	375,504,889
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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>343,909,515</u>	<u>372,556,310</u>
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12	Total	346,858,094	375,504,889
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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>177,107,933</u>	184,910,113
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16	Operating expenses	<u>25,571,966</u>	26,227,109
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17	Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
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18	Total	203,481,722	211,939,045
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19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<u>198,084,766</u>	203,987,089
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1	Special funds	935,963	990,963
2	Federal funds	516,600	516,600
3	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078	6,048,078
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
5	Total	203,481,722	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	4,130,378	4,520,333
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
12	Total	4,130,378	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	10,033,214	8,998,647
20	Special funds	12,799,530	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	1,428,803,059	1,461,101,849
7	Special funds	231,430,533	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	1,946,078,413	1,993,089,108
11	Global Commitment fund	2,148,606,890	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	5,842,204,818	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>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	18,500,000	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>	<u>17,500,000</u>

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>	<u>2,429,399,971</u>
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>	<u>2,920,244,448</u>

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>	<u>24,086,543</u>
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>	<u>31,658,677</u>

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	9,532,865	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	31,448,677	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	11,026,473	11,098,456
11	Operating expenses	1,122,371	1,155,605
12	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>	<u>1,408,910</u>
13	Total	13,557,754	13,662,971

14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	6,839,753	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	13,557,754	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

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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.

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(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:

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(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.

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

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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
18 by 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

and

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(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.

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

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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
8 following:

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

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

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

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

16 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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1 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$36,964,250~~
2 \$36,471,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by
3 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust
4 Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

17 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of
18 ~~\$10,000,705~~ \$9,872,655 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
19 Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into
20 the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the ~~\$10,000,705~~
21 \$9,872,655 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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

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

1 any proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit
2 costs, or both.

3 * * *

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

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

11 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent
12 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of
13 ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The
14 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this
15 transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes
16 of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be
17 ~~\$3,800,000~~ \$3,935,438.

18 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
19 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
20 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 * * *

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

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

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

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

20 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

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

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

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

<u>3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$1,500.38</u>
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Sec. 55. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

(1) General Fund.

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

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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 and
11 transfer an amount equal to actual receipts to the Child Care Contribution
12 Special Fund.

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

17 (e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is
18 determined to be less than the actual receipts due to the Child Care
19 Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall
20 immediately be unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve
21 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, public
21 or private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.

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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.

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

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

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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.

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

19 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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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.

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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.

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

19 § 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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(d) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a Justice 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 Justice has succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to continue in office. Whenever a Justice files a declaration under subsection (c) 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.

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

2 § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

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

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

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

16 * * *

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

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

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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.

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

12 § 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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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.
17 Members shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2
18 V.S.A. § 23. The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office
19 of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint
20 Fiscal Office.

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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
10 have elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the
11 Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint
12 Fiscal 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,
16 that 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,

1 that 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.

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

~~Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH~~

~~(a) HIV/AIDS funding:~~

~~* * *~~

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

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

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

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

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

3 (2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be
4 transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the
5 General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds
6 to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act. The General Assembly may
7 designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes.
8 These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or
9 reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

10 Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

11 (a) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration in Sec.
12 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), \$5,000,000 shall be
13 utilized by the Agency of Administration in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of
14 assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of
15 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers
16 that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.

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

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

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

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

9 (d) The Agency of Administration shall:

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

13 (2) ensure that access to funds authorized by this section is made
14 available to all housing authorities across the State.

15 (e) As used in this section, "housing authority" has the same meaning as in
16 24 V.S.A. § 4002.

17 (f) The funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section shall remain
18 available for the purposes outlined in this section until fully expended or
19 reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,

(b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,322,141

General Fund shall be used by the Department for Children and Families’
Office of Economic Opportunity for distribution to community partners
providing services to prevent and address homelessness for the purpose of
restoring these community partners to their fiscal year 2025 appropriation
level. The \$1,322,141 shall be allocated as follows:

- 1 (1) \$5,000 to the Charter House Coalition;
2 (2) \$46,360 to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE);
3 (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;
4 (4) \$90,000 to the Homeless Prevention Center;
5 (5) \$1,000 to the NewStory Center;
6 (6) \$60,000 to the Springfield Supported Housing Program;
7 (7) \$50,000 to Upper Valley Haven;
8 (8) \$20,000 to the Good Samaritan Haven;
9 (9) \$10,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual
10 Violence;
11 (10) \$381,088 to BROCC Community Action;
12 (11) \$184,783 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action;
13 (12) \$308,910 to Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity;
14 and
15 (13) \$160,000 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action.

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

17 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS
18 STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
19 REPORTING

20 * * *

1 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
2 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
3 Committee, on the status of any spending authority established pursuant to
4 ~~2023~~ 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

5 * * *

6 Sec. 83. DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; PAYMENT
7 REFORM

8 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
9 consult with the chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and on
10 Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health
11 and Welfare, and the designated and specialized service agencies, for the
12 purpose of identifying solutions that address short-term financial challenges to
13 the designated and specialized agencies related to developmental services
14 payment reform. On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall provide a
15 progress report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human
16 Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
17 Welfare regarding any identified solutions that ensure uninterrupted services
18 for individuals receiving supports during the first year of payment reform
19 implementation.

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

21 § 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON

HOSPITAL CHARGES

* * *

(d) This section shall not apply to:

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

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

Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

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

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

Sec. 86. CARRYFORWARD

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

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

12 Sec. 87. EFFECTIVE DATE

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