

1 H.790

2 An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

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

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

6 Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

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

10 Source of funds

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

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

14 Sec. B.126 Legislature

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

18 Source of funds

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

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

2 Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

3	Personal services	2,959,862	3,076,468
4	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
5	Total	<u>3,157,769</u>	3,274,375

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
8	Total	<u>3,157,769</u>	3,274,375

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

10 Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

11	Grants	19,000,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
12	Total	19,000,000	17,500,000

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
15	Total	19,000,000	17,500,000

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

17 Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

18	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
19	Total	<u>9,500,000</u>	11,000,000

20 Source of funds

1	General fund	9,500,000	<u>11,000,000</u>
2	Total	9,500,000	11,000,000
3	Sec. 6. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.139 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments		
5	Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
6	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	3,410,000	0
9	Special funds	<u>0</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
10	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
11	Sec. 7. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.145 Total general government		
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	140,473,564	137,063,564
15	Transportation fund	4,542,959	4,542,959
16	Special funds	34,043,313	37,453,313
17	Federal funds	1,273,020	1,273,020
18	Internal service funds	209,117,870	209,117,870
19	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740	9,219,740
20	Enterprise funds	4,427	4,427
21	Pension trust funds	5,260,363	5,260,363

1	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>	<u>1,382,916</u>
2	Total	405,318,172	405,318,172
3	Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.204 Judiciary		
5	Personal services	64,512,754	65,071,320
6	Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
7	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
8	Total	78,499,456	79,058,022
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	72,601,728	73,160,294
11	Special funds	1,997,094	1,997,094
12	Federal funds	1,560,412	1,560,412
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>	<u>2,340,222</u>
14	Total	78,499,456	79,058,022
15	Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.207 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs		
17	Personal services	6,092,392	6,240,913
18	Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>	<u>481,237</u>
19	Total	6,538,629	6,722,150
20	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<u>6,538,629</u>	<u>6,722,150</u>
2	Total	6,538,629	6,722,150
3	Sec. 10. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration		
5	Personal services	6,289,651	6,289,651
6	Operating expenses	6,380,415	6,380,415
7	Grants	<u>278,285</u>	<u>278,285</u>
8	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	7,630,863	8,390,863
11	Special funds	4,105	4,105
12	Federal funds	1,089,155	1,089,155
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>	<u>3,464,228</u>
14	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351
15	Sec. 11. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police		
17	Personal services	83,279,417	84,145,179
18	Operating expenses	16,733,452	16,733,452
19	Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>	<u>1,813,523</u>
20	Total	101,826,392	102,692,154
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	87,421,532	88,287,294
2	Special funds	3,223,793	3,223,793
3	Federal funds	9,734,790	9,734,790
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>	<u>1,446,277</u>
5	Total	101,826,392	102,692,154
6	Sec. 12. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
8	Personal services	5,116,729	5,686,729
9	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
10	Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	1,929,676	2,499,676
13	Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740
14	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
15	Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
16	Sec. 13. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.215 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.215 Military - administration		
18	Personal services	1,142,600	1,142,600
19	Operating expenses	810,661	810,661
20	Grants	1,219,834	<u>933,121</u>
21	Total	3,173,095	2,886,382

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
3	Total	3,173,095	2,886,382
4	Sec. 14. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council		
6	Personal services	2,508,514	2,808,514
7	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
8	Total	4,651,117	4,951,117
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	4,260,265	4,560,265
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
12	Total	4,651,117	4,951,117
13	Sec. 15. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission		
15	Personal services	1,243,420	1,175,647
16	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
17	Total	1,385,584	1,317,811
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	1,292,811	1,317,811
20	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
21	Total	1,385,584	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	2,053,382	2,683,532
5	Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
6	Total	6,529,670	7,159,820
7	Source of funds		
8	Special funds	6,529,670	<u>7,159,820</u>
9	Total	6,529,670	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	279,384,152	282,360,288
14	Special funds	121,247,670	121,877,820
15	Tobacco fund	685,239	685,239
16	Federal funds	239,445,060	239,352,287
17	ARRA funds	6,627	6,627
18	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829	16,529,829
19	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>	<u>17,847,569</u>
20	Total	675,906,146	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	11,231,120	7,199,632
5	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
6	Total	32,359,720	28,328,232

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	15,569,598	13,465,739
9	Special funds	135,517	135,517
10	Federal funds	14,023,964	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	32,359,720	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	2,207,280,248	<u>2,267,099,358</u>
17	Total	2,207,280,248	<u>2,267,099,358</u>

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	712,815,861	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	1,406,003,180	1,448,546,913
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
4	Total	2,207,280,248	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	142,860,018	148,653,725
8	Operating expenses	36,310,876	37,434,661
9	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
10	Total	182,283,195	189,200,687
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	43,820,359	46,204,011
13	Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
14	Federal funds	126,141,154	130,644,944
15	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601	4,412,651
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
17	Total	182,283,195	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	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
2	Total	979,554,012	1,009,246,202
3	Source of funds		
4	Global Commitment fund	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
5	Total	979,554,012	1,009,246,202
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	67,605,443	<u>69,664,468</u>
10	Total	67,605,443	69,664,468
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	62,133,605	64,539,070
13	Global Commitment fund	5,471,838	<u>5,125,398</u>
14	Total	67,605,443	69,664,468
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	44,034,870	<u>44,593,047</u>
19	Total	44,034,870	44,593,047
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	13,467,770	13,636,779

1	Federal funds	30,567,100	<u>30,956,268</u>
2	Total	44,034,870	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	8,043,463	9,006,777
7	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
8	Total	25,193,186	26,156,500
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	4,298,710	4,780,367
11	Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
12	Federal funds	10,954,085	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	25,193,186	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	48,496,832	<u>48,541,832</u>
21	Total	130,140,939	130,185,939

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	15,160,817	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	18,457,507	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	130,140,939	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	12,456,526	13,271,526
13	Operating expenses	2,420,029	2,522,590
14	Grants	279,691,678	<u>282,916,053</u>
15	Total	294,568,233	298,710,169
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	13,127,716	15,280,378
18	Special funds	6,836	6,836
19	Federal funds	13,158,032	12,800,308
20	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840	269,314,838

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>	<u>1,307,809</u>
2	Total	294,568,233	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	44,331,063	44,717,880
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	18,868,124	18,698,157
10	Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
11	Global Commitment fund	23,751,683	<u>24,308,467</u>
12	Total	44,331,063	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	17,876,453	20,719,611
18	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>	<u>5,914,175</u>
19	Total	74,400,600	77,243,758
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	43,680,871	46,217,414

1	Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
2	Federal funds	24,518,288	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	74,400,600	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	100,541,760	<u>101,623,888</u>
11	Total	155,213,951	156,296,079

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	63,680,993	63,041,558
14	Special funds	729,150	729,150
15	Federal funds	37,407,542	38,588,277
16	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266	53,922,094
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
18	Total	155,213,951	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	<u>235,128,138</u>	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	<u>235,128,138</u>	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	<u>2,558,460</u>	2,514,961
15	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
16	Total	<u>12,977,027</u>	12,740,064
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	<u>7,470,372</u>	7,352,839
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
20	Total	<u>12,977,027</u>	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	1,376,425	1,646,237
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5	Operating expenses	159,458	159,458
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6	Grants	39,165,356	<u>41,022,744</u>
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7	Total	40,701,239	42,828,439
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8 Source of funds

9	General fund	32,312,474	34,312,474
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10	Special funds	83,135	83,135
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11	Federal funds	5,118,329	5,118,329
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12	Global Commitment fund	3,187,301	<u>3,314,501</u>
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13	Total	40,701,239	42,828,439
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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
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18	Operating expenses	38,775	38,775
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19	Grants	3,476,862	<u>5,376,862</u>
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20	Total	3,773,737	5,673,737
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21 Source of funds

1	General fund	3,743,737	5,643,737
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
3	Total	3,773,737	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	6,544,338	<u>6,856,716</u>
9	Total	55,517,792	55,830,170
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	25,692,412	25,848,601
12	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
13	Federal funds	27,258,639	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	55,517,792	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	24,909,492	<u>25,150,975</u>
21	Total	24,909,492	25,150,975

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	8,585,909	8,829,020
3	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,191,114
4	Global Commitment fund	9,002,469	<u>9,130,841</u>
5	Total	24,909,492	25,150,975

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	349,987,467	<u>351,175,948</u>
10	Total	349,987,467	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	349,385,699	350,574,180
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	349,987,467	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	198,084,766	203,987,089
2	Special funds	935,963	990,963
3	Federal funds	516,600	516,600
4	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078	6,048,078
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
6	Total	203,481,722	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	10,033,214	8,998,647
21	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	1,461,151,849
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	5,987,305,620
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	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	2,430,399,971	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	2,921,244,448	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	23,876,543	24,086,543
18	Operating expenses	6,738,504	6,738,504
19	Grants	<u>833,630</u>	<u>833,630</u>
20	Total	31,448,677	31,658,677
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	9,532,865	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	31,448,677	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	11,026,473	11,098,456
10	Operating expenses	1,122,371	1,155,605
11	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>	<u>1,408,910</u>
12	Total	13,557,754	13,662,971
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	6,839,753	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	13,557,754	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	5,538,946	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	5,538,946	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	50,665,734	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	347,436,418	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;

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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~~

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\$36,471,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by

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32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust

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Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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(A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property

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transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the

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affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the

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reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and

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Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by

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32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of ~~\$36,964,250~~

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\$36,471,750 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the

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\$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property

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transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on

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July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the

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appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be

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restored.

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(3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of

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~~\$10,000,705~~ \$9,872,655 from the property transfer tax deposited into the

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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:

14 * * *

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 a sustainability plan for the Criminal History Records Check Fund or any
2 proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit costs,
3 or both.

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

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

12 (B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent
13 of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of
14 ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The
15 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this
16 transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes
17 of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be
18 ~~\$3,800,000~~ \$3,935,438.

19 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
20 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
21 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

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.

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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>

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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:

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(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.

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(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:

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§ 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE

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(a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal

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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

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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

3 HOUSE

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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

18 * * *

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

10 * * *

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

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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

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reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have

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elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Joint

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Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint Fiscal

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Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive

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reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive

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reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the

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remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that

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the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in

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circumstances or for another compelling reason.

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(A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals

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allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals

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determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-

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wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session

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for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

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(B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive

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reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual

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amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in

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which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of

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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), for the

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

5 (b) If funds are transferred for this purpose, they may be made available to
6 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 approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing
11 authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing
12 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) If funds are transferred for this purpose, the designated State entity
17 shall:

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

1 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist
2 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,
3 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds
4 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions
5 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in
6 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
7 Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

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

14 (1) \$5,000 to the Charter House Coalition;

15 (2) \$46,360 to Helping Overcome Poverty’s Effects (HOPE);

16 (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;

17 (4) \$90,000 to the Homeless Prevention Center;

18 (5) \$1,000 to the NewStory Center;

19 (6) \$60,000 to the Springfield Supported Housing Program;

20 (7) \$50,000 to Upper Valley Haven;

21 (8) \$20,000 to the Good Samaritan Haven;

1 community-based services payment model to reflect per-member, per-month
2 payments to designated and specialized service agencies that are calculated
3 based on a minimum-assumed utilization rate of 65 percent. Reconciliation
4 shall occur in compliance with the developmental disability services home-
5 and community-based services payment reform rules and the False Claims Act,
6 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.

7 (2) To support the ongoing success of those designated and specialized
8 service agencies in need of financial stabilization in advance of reconciliation,
9 each agency currently below the 65 percent threshold and requiring financial
10 stabilization funding at this time shall prepare and submit a financial
11 stabilization plan to the Department on or before October 1, 2027. The
12 Department shall review the stabilization plan and work with the proposing
13 agencies toward the goal of stabilization and sustainability.

14 (b) For collective sustainability and the success of Vermont's
15 developmental services system, the designated and specialized service agencies
16 shall submit to the Department on or before March 15, 2026, all information
17 deemed necessary by the Department to enable it to perform a comprehensive
18 fiscal analysis and to implement resolutions to address barriers that inhibit an
19 increase service delivery utilization.

20 (c)(1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Agency of Human Services and the
21 Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Vermont

1 Health Access shall convene a meeting with the Chairs of the House and
2 Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human
3 Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or their designees,
4 and with the designated and specialized service agencies and other key
5 members of the developmental disabilities services delivery system. At the
6 meeting, the parties shall discuss efforts that support the growth of a
7 sustainable developmental service delivery system in which:

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

11 (B) Medicaid compliance is assured; and

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

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

17 (d) On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall submit a written
18 progress report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
19 Committee on Health and Welfare detailing recommended solutions,
20 anticipated fiscal impacts to the designated and specialized service agencies,
21 implementation timelines, and compliance safeguards, including how

1 measures, such as the transitional utilization methodology, shall ensure
2 continuity of care, prevent service disruption, and mitigate Medicaid
3 compliance risks for providers and the State during the first year of payment
4 reform implementation, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.

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

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

11 § 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON
12 HOSPITAL CHARGES

13 * * *

14 (d) This section shall not apply to:

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

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

21 Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

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

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

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

11 Sec. E.330 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND
12 INDEPENDENT LIVING; VERMONT CENTER FOR
13 INDEPENDENT LIVING; FUNDING

14 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.330 of this act, \$80,000
15 shall be granted to the Vermont Center for Independent Living to provide
16 home-delivered meals to individuals with disabilities under 60 years of age.

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

18 Sec. E.334.1 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND
19 INDEPENDENT LIVING; NURSING HOME
20 EMERGENCY FISCAL RELIEF; AREA AGENCIES ON
21 AGING; TIER 1 RESIDENTIAL CARE; FUNDING

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

5 Sec. 90. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

7 And by renumbering all of the sections of the bill to be numerically correct
8 (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be
9 arithmetically correct.