

Senate proposal of amendment

H. 790

An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

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

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

Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

Personal services	4,589,480	5,309,541
Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>	<u>286,936</u>
Total	4,876,416	5,596,477
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>4,876,416</u>	<u>5,596,477</u>
Total	4,876,416	5,596,477

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

Sec. B.126 Legislature

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

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

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

Personal services	2,959,862	3,076,468
Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
Total	3,157,769	3,274,375
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
Total	3,157,769	3,274,375

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

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

Grants	19,000,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	19,000,000	17,500,000
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	19,000,000	17,500,000

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

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
Total	9,500,000	11,000,000
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
Total	9,500,000	11,000,000

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

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

Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
Source of funds		
General fund	3,410,000	0
Special funds	<u>0</u>	<u>3,410,000</u>
Total	3,410,000	3,410,000

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

Sec. B.145 Total general government

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

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

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	64,512,754	65,071,320
Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
Total	78,499,456	79,058,022
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>72,601,728</u>	73,160,294
Special funds	1,997,094	1,997,094
Federal funds	1,560,412	1,560,412
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>	<u>2,340,222</u>
Total	78,499,456	79,058,022

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

Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

Personal services	6,092,392	6,240,913
Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>	<u>481,237</u>
Total	6,538,629	6,722,150
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>6,538,629</u>	<u>6,722,150</u>
Total	6,538,629	6,722,150

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

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

Personal services	6,289,651	6,289,651
Operating expenses	6,380,415	6,380,415
Grants	<u>278,285</u>	<u>278,285</u>
Total	12,948,351	12,948,351
Source of funds		
General fund	7,630,863	8,390,863
Special funds	4,105	4,105
Federal funds	1,089,155	1,089,155
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>	<u>3,464,228</u>
Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

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

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services	83,279,417	84,145,179
Operating expenses	16,733,452	16,733,452
Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>	<u>1,813,523</u>
Total	101,826,392	102,692,154
Source of funds		
General fund	87,421,532	88,287,294
Special funds	3,223,793	3,223,793
Federal funds	9,734,790	9,734,790
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>	<u>1,446,277</u>
Total	101,826,392	102,692,154

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

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	5,116,729	5,686,729
Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
Source of funds		
General fund	1,929,676	2,499,676

Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740
Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
Total	7,215,673	7,785,673

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

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

Personal services	1,142,600	1,142,600
Operating expenses	810,661	810,661
Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>	<u>933,121</u>
Total	3,173,095	2,886,382
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
Total	3,173,095	2,886,382

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

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council

Personal services	2,508,514	2,808,514
Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
Total	4,651,117	4,951,117
Source of funds		
General fund	4,260,265	4,560,265
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
Total	4,651,117	4,951,117

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

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services	1,243,420	1,175,647
Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
Total	1,385,584	1,317,811
Source of funds		
General fund	1,292,811	1,317,811
Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	1,385,584	1,317,811

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

Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

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

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

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

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

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

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

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

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

Source of funds

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

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

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

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

Source of funds

General fund	<u>712,815,861</u>	<u>730,091,238</u>
Special funds	31,339,852	31,339,852
Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
Federal funds	<u>1,406,003,180</u>	<u>1,448,546,913</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
Total	<u>2,207,280,248</u>	<u>2,267,099,358</u>

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

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

Personal services	142,860,018	148,653,725
Operating expenses	36,310,876	37,434,661
Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
Total	182,283,195	189,200,687
Source of funds		
General fund	43,820,359	46,204,011
Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
Federal funds	126,141,154	130,644,944
Global Commitment fund	4,382,601	4,412,651
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
Total	182,283,195	189,200,687

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

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

Grants	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
Total	979,554,012	1,009,246,202
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
Total	979,554,012	1,009,246,202

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	9,163,996	9,163,996
Operating expenses	8,043,463	9,006,777
Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
Total	<u>25,193,186</u>	26,156,500
Source of funds		
General fund	4,298,710	4,780,367
Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
Federal funds	10,954,085	11,435,742
Global Commitment fund	7,361,523	7,361,523
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>	<u>155,281</u>
Total	<u>25,193,186</u>	26,156,500

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

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	71,272,453	71,272,453
Operating expenses	10,371,654	10,371,654
Grants	<u>48,496,832</u>	<u>48,541,832</u>
Total	<u>130,140,939</u>	130,185,939
Source of funds		
General fund	15,160,817	15,505,817
Special funds	25,398,124	25,398,124
Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
Federal funds	64,355,699	64,355,699
Global Commitment fund	18,457,507	18,157,507
Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874	5,654,874
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<u>130,140,939</u>	130,185,939

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

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

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

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

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

Personal services	40,937,117	41,323,934
Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>	<u>3,393,946</u>
Total	44,331,063	44,717,880
Source of funds		
General fund	18,868,124	18,698,157
Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>	<u>24,308,467</u>
Total	44,331,063	44,717,880

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

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

Personal services	50,609,972	50,609,972
Operating expenses	17,876,453	20,719,611
Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>	<u>5,914,175</u>
Total	74,400,600	77,243,758
Source of funds		
General fund	43,680,871	46,217,414
Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
Federal funds	24,518,288	24,824,903
Global Commitment fund	2,780,636	2,780,636
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>	<u>466,305</u>
Total	74,400,600	77,243,758

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

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

Personal services	49,175,153	49,175,153
Operating expenses	5,497,038	5,497,038
Grants	<u>100,541,760</u>	<u>101,623,888</u>
Total	155,213,951	156,296,079
Source of funds		
General fund	63,680,993	63,041,558
Special funds	729,150	729,150
Federal funds	37,407,542	38,588,277
Global Commitment fund	53,381,266	53,922,094
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total	155,213,951	156,296,079

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

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

Personal services	6,563,807	6,563,807
Operating expenses	783,604	783,604
Grants	<u>227,780,727</u>	<u>227,344,739</u>
Total	235,128,138	234,692,150
Source of funds		
General fund	61,267,870	61,267,870
Special funds	115,409,671	115,409,671
Federal funds	42,924,133	42,924,133
Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>	<u>15,090,476</u>
Total	235,128,138	234,692,150

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

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

Personal services	2,558,460	2,514,961
Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
Total	12,977,027	12,740,064
Source of funds		
General fund	7,470,372	7,352,839
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
Total	12,977,027	12,740,064

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

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

Personal services	15,000	15,000
Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>	<u>10,674,625</u>
Total	10,430,779	10,689,625
Source of funds		
General fund	10,189,157	10,492,643
Federal funds	11,098	11,098
Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>	<u>185,884</u>
Total	10,430,779	10,689,625

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

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

Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>	<u>34,302,585</u>
Total	36,556,684	34,326,406
Source of funds		
General fund	24,035,417	21,805,139
Special funds	5,970,229	6,106,068
Federal funds	2,806,330	2,670,491

Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	<u>34,326,406</u>

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

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

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

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

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

Personal services	258,100	258,100
Operating expenses	38,775	38,775
Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>	<u>5,376,862</u>
Total	<u>3,773,737</u>	<u>5,673,737</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	3,743,737	5,643,737
Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Total	<u>3,773,737</u>	<u>5,673,737</u>

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

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

Personal services	48,973,454	48,973,454
Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>	<u>6,856,716</u>
Total	<u>55,517,792</u>	<u>55,830,170</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	25,692,412	25,848,601
Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
Federal funds	<u>27,258,639</u>	<u>27,414,828</u>
Global Commitment fund	110,000	110,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
Total	<u>55,517,792</u>	<u>55,830,170</u>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
Total	7,540,256	7,544,967
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
Total	7,540,256	7,544,967

Sec. 40. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

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

Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
Total	346,858,094	375,504,889
Source of funds		
General fund	498,579	498,579
Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>	<u>372,556,310</u>
Total	346,858,094	375,504,889

Sec. 41. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	177,107,933	184,910,113
Operating expenses	25,571,966	26,227,109
Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
Total	203,481,722	211,939,045
Source of funds		
General fund	198,084,766	203,987,089
Special funds	<u>935,963</u>	990,963
Federal funds	516,600	516,600
Global Commitment fund	3,548,078	6,048,078
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
Total	203,481,722	211,939,045

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

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

Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
Total	4,130,378	4,520,333
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
Total	4,130,378	4,520,333

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

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

Personal services	24,048,875	24,048,875
Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>	<u>6,913,887</u>
Total	30,962,762	30,962,762
Source of funds		
General fund	10,033,214	8,998,647
Special funds	12,799,530	13,834,097
Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>	<u>8,130,018</u>
Total	30,962,762	30,962,762

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

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	1,428,803,059	1,461,151,849
Special funds	<u>231,430,533</u>	232,655,939
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
Federal funds	1,946,078,413	1,993,089,108
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,148,606,890</u>	2,213,122,801

Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	5,842,204,818	5,987,305,620

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

Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

Grants	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	18,500,000	17,500,000
Source of funds		
Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	18,500,000	17,500,000

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

Sec. B.516 Total general education

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

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

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

Personal services	23,876,543	24,086,543
Operating expenses	6,738,504	6,738,504
Grants	<u>833,630</u>	<u>833,630</u>
Total	31,448,677	31,658,677
Source of funds		
General fund	9,532,865	9,742,865
Special funds	364,696	364,696
Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	10,097,060
Federal funds	9,927,754	9,927,754
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,526,302</u>	<u>1,526,302</u>
Total	31,448,677	31,658,677

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

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

Personal services	11,026,473	11,098,456
Operating expenses	<u>1,122,371</u>	1,155,605
Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>	<u>1,408,910</u>
Total	13,557,754	13,662,971
Source of funds		
General fund	6,839,753	6,944,970
Special funds	1,204,005	1,204,005
Federal funds	4,326,877	4,326,877
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,187,119</u>	<u>1,187,119</u>
Total	13,557,754	13,662,971

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

Sec. B.713 Land use review board

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

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

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

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

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

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

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

- (1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; ~~and~~
- (2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an additional year;

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

(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year 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 approves the Agency's request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;

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

(5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for

a one-time payment increase for nonemergency medical transportation funding.

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

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

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

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

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

(9) notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund and \$192,000 General Fund for distribution to recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) \$800,000 Global Commitment for a one-time payment increase for nonemergency medical transportation funding.

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

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(2) ~~\$500,000~~ \$860,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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

(A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the

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

(3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of ~~\$10,000,705~~ \$9,872,655 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the ~~\$10,000,705~~ \$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 any proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit costs, or both.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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(D) The first \$74,908,097 of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.

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(4) Education Fund.

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

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

Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

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

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(2) Land Use Review Board:

(A) one Executive Director.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

§ 10554. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND

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

(b) The Fund shall consist of:

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

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

(3) any interest earned by the Fund.

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

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

§ 41. CREATION OF COMMITTEE; PURPOSE

(a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management across the offices of the General Assembly ~~and shall coordinate the operations~~

~~of the Office of Legislative Operations in its delivery of shared administrative services to the legislative offices and the General Assembly.~~

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

§ 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

§ 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

* * *

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

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

§ 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE
HOUSE

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

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

§ 693. ASSISTANCE

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

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

§ 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

§ 4. JUSTICES

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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.

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

§ 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

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

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

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

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

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(3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a magistrate 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 magistrate has succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision (2) of this subsection or when 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.

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

§ 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

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

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

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

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

§ 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging

determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

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

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Sec. 76. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS; REPEAL

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

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:

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

(2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act, or in the event the State or its municipalities incur extraordinary public safety costs necessitated by increased federal action in Vermont. The General Assembly may designate

these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

(a) In fiscal year 2026 and fiscal year 2027, while the General Assembly is not in session the Emergency Board shall have the authority to transfer part of the appropriation in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), for the purpose of assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.

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

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

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

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

(d) If funds are transferred for this purpose, the designated State entity shall:

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

(2) make funds available to each housing authority proportionally based on the number of housing assistance payments in use statewide as of January 1, 2026.

(A) a housing authority shall notify the designated State entity of its intent to utilize funds on or before October 1, 2026.

(B) In the event a housing authority chooses not to utilize the funds provided pursuant to this section, the proportional funds set aside for that housing authority shall be made available to the remaining housing authorities in accordance with procedures established by the designated State entity.

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

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

Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Sec. 83. DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM;
IMPLEMENTATION

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

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

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

(c)(1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Agency of Human Services and the Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Vermont Health Access shall convene a meeting with the Chairs of the House and

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

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

(B) Medicaid compliance is assured; and

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

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

(d) On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall submit a written progress report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare detailing recommended solutions, anticipated fiscal impacts to the designated and specialized service agencies, implementation timelines, and compliance safeguards, including how measures, such as the transitional utilization methodology, shall ensure continuity of care, prevent service disruption, and mitigate Medicaid compliance risks for providers and the State during the first year of payment reform implementation, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.

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

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

§ 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON HOSPITAL CHARGES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.333.1 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM;
FUNDING

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

Sec. 89. CARRYFORWARD

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

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

Sec. 90. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.

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