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2 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of the government

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

4 * * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

5 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

6 (a) This bill may be referred to as the “BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2027
7 Appropriations Act.”

8 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

9 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of
10 State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds
11 during fiscal year 2027. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that
12 activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, offices, and
13 commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in
14 this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2026. Agency and department
15 heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of
16 fiscal year 2027 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by
17 specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

18 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the
20 primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State
21 government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds in
22 fiscal year 2027.

1 (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in
2 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during
3 which any of the operating appropriations are to continue, the appropriations
4 are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be
5 paid from funds shown as the source of funds. Capital appropriations funded
6 from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and
7 Essential Investments shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A.
8 § 1001b(e). If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the
9 totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section
10 numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the
11 Commissioner of Finance and Management.

12 (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act
13 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027.

14 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

15 (a) As used in this act:

16 (1) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital
17 investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation
18 debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State
19 bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.

20 (2) “Encumbrances” means a portion of spending authority reserved for
21 the subsequent payment of existing travel authorizations, purchase orders,

1 grants, or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall
2 make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

3 (3) "Grants" means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to
4 community and quasipublic agencies for providing local services, and to
5 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash
6 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

7 (4) "Operating expenses" means property management; repair and
8 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;
9 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway
10 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and
11 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

12 (5) "Personal services" means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per
13 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

14 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

15 (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any
16 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

17 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

18 (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when
19 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations
20 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

1 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

2 (a) In fiscal year 2027, the Governor, with the approval of the General
3 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in
4 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including
5 block grants in lieu of, or in addition to, funds herein designated as federal.
6 The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal
7 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any
8 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for
9 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

10 (b) If, during fiscal year 2027, federal funds available to the State and
11 designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2026 session of the General
12 Assembly are converted into block grants or are abolished under their current
13 title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the
14 Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent
15 with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The
16 Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not more than 45 days
17 prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee approval. Notice shall be
18 given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the Governor intends to
19 use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint Fiscal Committee shall
20 meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's request for approval.

1 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
3 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary
4 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
5 fiscal year 2027 except for new positions authorized by the General Assembly
6 during the 2026 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to
7 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

8 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

9 (a) This act is organized by functions of government. The sections
10 between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming
11 budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that
12 relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The
13 function areas by section numbers are as follows:

14 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
15 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and</u>
16	<u>Property</u>
17 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
18 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
19 <u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
20 <u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
21 <u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>

1	<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and</u>
2		<u>Community Development</u>
3	<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
4	<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
5	<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other</u>
6		<u>appropriation actions</u>

7 (b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year; the D
8 sections contain fund allocations, transfers, reversions, and reservations for the
9 upcoming budget year; the F sections contain the Pay Act; and the G section
10 contains effective dates applicable to the act itself or specific sections within
11 this act.

12 * * * Fiscal Year 2027 Base Appropriations * * *

13 Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

14	Personal services	2,506,216
15	Operating expenses	266,559
16	Grants	<u>125,000</u>
17	Total	2,897,775
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,861,224
20	Special funds	125,000
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>911,551</u>

1	Total	2,897,775
2	Sec. B.100.1 Secretary of administration - office of racial equity	
3	Personal services	1,568,041
4	Operating expenses	<u>95,802</u>
5	Total	1,663,843
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,113,347
8	Internal service funds	<u>550,496</u>
9	Total	1,663,843
10	Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance	
11	Personal services	1,557,057
12	Operating expenses	<u>185,178</u>
13	Total	1,742,235
14	Source of funds	
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,742,235</u>
16	Total	1,742,235
17	Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance	
18	Personal services	896,646
19	Operating expenses	<u>104,349</u>
20	Total	1,000,995
21	Source of funds	

1	Internal service funds	<u>1,000,995</u>
2	Total	1,000,995
3	Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance	
4	Personal services	417,351
5	Operating expenses	<u>68,210</u>
6	Total	485,561
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>485,561</u>
9	Total	485,561
10	Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance	
11	Personal services	301,453
12	Operating expenses	<u>57,383</u>
13	Total	358,836
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	<u>358,836</u>
16	Total	358,836
17	Sec. B.104.1 Retired state employees pension plus funding	
18	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
19	Total	15,000,000
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>

1	Total	15,000,000
2	Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information	
3	technology	
4	Personal services	33,055,594
5	Operating expenses	<u>16,188,998</u>
6	Total	49,244,592
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	9,317,892
9	Special funds	1,031,998
10	Internal service funds	<u>38,894,702</u>
11	Total	49,244,592
12	Sec. B.105.1 Agency of digital services - demand driven services	
13	Personal services	32,005,770
14	Operating expenses	<u>15,300,212</u>
15	Total	47,305,982
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>47,305,982</u>
18	Total	47,305,982
19	Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
20	Personal services	1,726,678
21	Operating expenses	<u>376,867</u>

1	Total	2,103,545
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,320,303
4	Internal service funds	517,237
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>266,005</u>
6	Total	2,103,545
7	Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
8	Personal services	3,263,811
9	Operating expenses	<u>835,537</u>
10	Total	4,099,348
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	3,880,186
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>219,162</u>
14	Total	4,099,348
15	Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
16	Personal services	12,618,652
17	Operating expenses	<u>1,683,153</u>
18	Total	14,301,805
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	2,009,464
21	Special funds	180,668

1	Internal service funds	11,149,163
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,510</u>
3	Total	14,301,805
4	Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
5	Personal services	2,495,563
6	Operating expenses	<u>989,816</u>
7	Total	3,485,379
8	Source of funds	
9	Internal service funds	3,335,155
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,224</u>
11	Total	3,485,379
12	Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
13	Personal services	1,470,728
14	Operating expenses	<u>765,201</u>
15	Total	2,235,929
16	Source of funds	
17	Internal service funds	<u>2,235,929</u>
18	Total	2,235,929
19	Sec. B.110 Libraries	
20	Personal services	3,142,573
21	Operating expenses	548,504

1	Grants	<u>238,660</u>
2	Total	3,929,737
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	2,470,909
5	Special funds	87,178
6	Federal funds	1,241,835
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>129,815</u>
8	Total	3,929,737
9	Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
10	Personal services	30,878,080
11	Operating expenses	<u>7,323,104</u>
12	Total	38,201,184
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	25,818,400
15	Special funds	12,332,784
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	38,201,184
18	Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration	
19	Personal services	1,090,871
20	Operating expenses	<u>228,872</u>
21	Total	1,319,743

1	Source of funds	
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,319,743</u>
3	Total	1,319,743
4	Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering	
5	Personal services	102,231
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,114,195</u>
7	Total	1,216,426
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>1,216,426</u>
10	Total	1,216,426
11	Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and general services engineering - capital projects	
12	Personal services	3,489,916
13	Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>
14	Total	3,989,916
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	3,351,480
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>638,436</u>
18	Total	3,989,916
19	Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
20	Personal services	3,684,847
21	Operating expenses	<u>2,228,705</u>

1	Total	5,913,552
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	723,210
4	Transportation fund	4,710,621
5	Special funds	<u>479,721</u>
6	Total	5,913,552
7	Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
8	Personal services	3,189,478
9	Operating expenses	<u>266,883</u>
10	Total	3,456,361
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,727,877
13	Internal service funds	1,386,959
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>341,525</u>
15	Total	3,456,361
16	Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
17	Personal services	892,320
18	Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>
19	Total	1,065,446
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	96,479

1	Internal service funds	<u>968,967</u>
2	Total	1,065,446
3	Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
4	Personal services	992,680
5	Operating expenses	<u>217,022</u>
6	Total	1,209,702
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>1,209,702</u>
9	Total	1,209,702
10	Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
11	Personal services	1,086,176
12	Operating expenses	<u>251,051</u>
13	Total	1,337,227
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	1,238,057
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,170</u>
17	Total	1,337,227
18	Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property	
19	Operating expenses	<u>4,427</u>
20	Total	4,427
21	Source of funds	

1	Enterprise funds	<u>4,427</u>
2	Total	4,427
3	Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property	
4	Personal services	389,970
5	Operating expenses	<u>167,097</u>
6	Total	557,067
7	Source of funds	
8	Internal service funds	<u>557,067</u>
9	Total	557,067
10	Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management	
11	Personal services	1,250,068
12	Operating expenses	<u>722,602</u>
13	Total	1,972,670
14	Source of funds	
15	Internal service funds	1,830,898
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>141,772</u>
17	Total	1,972,670
18	Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
19	Personal services	23,787,396
20	Operating expenses	<u>17,757,907</u>
21	Total	41,545,303

1	Source of funds	
2	Internal service funds	<u>41,545,303</u>
3	Total	41,545,303
4	Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
5	Personal services	2,087,428
6	Operating expenses	<u>571,877</u>
7	Total	2,659,305
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,086,338
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>572,967</u>
11	Total	2,659,305
12	Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
13	Personal services	5,562,384
14	Operating expenses	<u>305,246</u>
15	Total	5,867,630
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>5,867,630</u>
18	Total	5,867,630
19	Sec. B.126 Legislature	
20	Personal services	6,319,895
21	Operating expenses	<u>5,653,460</u>

1	Total	11,973,355
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>11,973,355</u>
4	Total	11,973,355
5	Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
6	Personal services	1,589,468
7	Operating expenses	<u>940,400</u>
8	Total	2,529,868
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>2,529,868</u>
11	Total	2,529,868
12	Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
13	Personal services	3,218,498
14	Operating expenses	<u>203,144</u>
15	Total	3,421,642
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	<u>3,421,642</u>
18	Total	3,421,642
19	Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
20	Personal services	1,738,030
21	Operating expenses	<u>215,269</u>

1	Total	1,953,299
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	<u>1,953,299</u>
4	Total	1,953,299
5	Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
6	Personal services	256,396
7	Operating expenses	<u>65,515</u>
8	Total	321,911
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	<u>321,911</u>
11	Total	321,911
12	Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
13	Personal services	4,914,039
14	Operating expenses	<u>159,245</u>
15	Total	5,073,284
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	289,054
18	Special funds	53,145
19	Internal service funds	<u>4,731,085</u>
20	Total	5,073,284

1	Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
2	Personal services	7,459,970
3	Operating expenses	<u>378,493</u>
4	Total	7,838,463
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,744,590
7	Special funds	4,713,210
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>380,663</u>
9	Total	7,838,463
10	Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
11	Personal services	980,240
12	Operating expenses	<u>669,064</u>
13	Total	1,649,304
14	Source of funds	
15	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,649,304</u>
16	Total	1,649,304
17	Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
18	Personal services	287,163
19	Operating expenses	<u>3,480,963</u>
20	Total	3,768,126
21	Source of funds	

1	Pension trust funds	<u>3,768,126</u>
2	Total	3,768,126
3	Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
4	Personal services	234,016
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,973,853</u>
6	Total	2,207,869
7	Source of funds	
8	Pension trust funds	<u>2,207,869</u>
9	Total	2,207,869
10	Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
11	Personal services	2,696,175
12	Operating expenses	<u>286,820</u>
13	Total	2,982,995
14	Source of funds	
15	Special funds	<u>2,982,995</u>
16	Total	2,982,995
17	Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
18	Personal services	435,622
19	Operating expenses	<u>85,406</u>
20	Total	521,028
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	507,202
2	Special funds	11,038
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
4	Total	521,028
5	Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
6	Personal services	114,314
7	Operating expenses	<u>27,965</u>
8	Total	142,279
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	91,275
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
12	Total	142,279
13	Sec. B.136.1 Ethics commission	
14	Personal services	364,306
15	Operating expenses	<u>36,234</u>
16	Total	400,540
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	150,000
19	Internal service funds	<u>250,540</u>
20	Total	400,540

1	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
2	Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
3	Total	17,500,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>17,500,000</u>
6	Total	17,500,000
7	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
8	Grants	<u>15,500,000</u>
9	Total	15,500,000
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>15,500,000</u>
12	Total	15,500,000
13	Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
14	Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>
15	Total	3,410,000
16	Source of funds	
17	Special funds	<u>3,410,000</u>
18	Total	3,410,000
19	Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
20	Grants	<u>21,650,000</u>
21	Total	21,650,000

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	<u>21,650,000</u>
3	Total	21,650,000
4	Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
5	Grants	<u>12,200,000</u>
6	Total	12,200,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Special funds	<u>12,200,000</u>
9	Total	12,200,000
10	Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
11	Grants	<u>40,000</u>
12	Total	40,000
13	Source of funds	
14	Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
15	Total	40,000
16	Sec. B.145 Total general government	
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	152,613,175
19	Transportation fund	4,710,621
20	Special funds	37,647,737
21	Federal funds	1,241,835

1	Internal service funds	163,432,820
2	Interdepartmental transfers	7,979,570
3	Enterprise funds	4,427
4	Pension trust funds	5,975,995
5	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,649,304</u>
6	Total	375,255,484
7	Sec. B.200 Attorney general	
8	Personal services	17,117,330
9	Operating expenses	2,045,972
10	Grants	<u>20,000</u>
11	Total	19,183,302
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	8,947,036
14	Special funds	2,976,044
15	Tobacco fund	434,660
16	Federal funds	1,956,258
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,869,304</u>
18	Total	19,183,302
19	Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
20	Personal services	1,250
21	Grants	<u>5,012,871</u>

1	Total	5,014,121
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	4,756,124
4	Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
5	Total	5,014,121
6	Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
7	Personal services	20,439,822
8	Operating expenses	<u>1,855,610</u>
9	Total	22,295,432
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	21,705,779
12	Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
13	Total	22,295,432
14	Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
15	Personal services	8,277,975
16	Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
17	Total	8,342,475
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>8,342,475</u>
20	Total	8,342,475

1	Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
2	Personal services	67,540,550
3	Operating expenses	14,904,686
4	Grants	<u>121,030</u>
5	Total	82,566,266
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	76,767,361
8	Special funds	1,970,905
9	Federal funds	1,580,000
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,248,000</u>
11	Total	82,566,266
12	Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
13	Personal services	19,675,456
14	Operating expenses	<u>2,818,379</u>
15	Total	22,493,835
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	21,865,234
18	Federal funds	31,000
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>597,601</u>
20	Total	22,493,835

1	Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
2	Personal services	151,063
3	Operating expenses	34,335
4	Grants	<u>2,174,400</u>
5	Total	2,359,798
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>2,359,798</u>
8	Total	2,359,798
9	Sec. B.206.1 Crime victims advocates	
10	Personal services	3,733,421
11	Operating expenses	<u>104,756</u>
12	Total	3,838,177
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>3,838,177</u>
15	Total	3,838,177
16	Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
17	Personal services	6,738,595
18	Operating expenses	<u>475,338</u>
19	Total	7,213,933
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>7,213,933</u>

1	Total	7,213,933
2	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
3	Personal services	6,697,580
4	Operating expenses	6,307,218
5	Grants	<u>278,285</u>
6	Total	13,283,083
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	7,978,921
9	Special funds	162,545
10	Federal funds	1,108,908
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,032,709</u>
12	Total	13,283,083
13	Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
14	Personal services	85,401,432
15	Operating expenses	21,768,293
16	Grants	<u>5,105,175</u>
17	Total	112,274,900
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	92,333,444
20	Special funds	3,272,346
21	Federal funds	15,200,575

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,468,535</u>
2	Total	112,274,900
3	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services	
4	Personal services	5,274,841
5	Operating expenses	2,267,161
6	Grants	<u>47,775</u>
7	Total	7,589,777
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	3,140,979
10	Special funds	3,502,099
11	Federal funds	<u>946,699</u>
12	Total	7,589,777
13	Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management	
14	Personal services	6,727,689
15	Operating expenses	1,030,786
16	Grants	<u>62,267,474</u>
17	Total	70,025,949
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,717,693
20	Special funds	710,000
21	Federal funds	67,578,256

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
2	Total	70,025,949
3	Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety	
4	Personal services	10,703,913
5	Operating expenses	4,581,165
6	Grants	<u>55,000</u>
7	Total	15,340,078
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	2,339,163
10	Special funds	11,259,010
11	Federal funds	1,696,905
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
13	Total	15,340,078
14	Sec. B.213 Public safety - forensic laboratory	
15	Personal services	4,643,753
16	Operating expenses	<u>1,465,076</u>
17	Total	6,108,829
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	4,435,869
20	Special funds	70,131
21	Federal funds	1,087,429

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>515,400</u>
2	Total	6,108,829
3	Sec. B.215 Military - administration	
4	Personal services	1,179,336
5	Operating expenses	916,266
6	Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>
7	Total	3,315,436
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>3,315,436</u>
10	Total	3,315,436
11	Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract	
12	Personal services	12,390,019
13	Operating expenses	<u>1,476,497</u>
14	Total	13,866,516
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	846,658
17	Federal funds	<u>13,019,858</u>
18	Total	13,866,516
19	Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
20	Personal services	45,572,956
21	Operating expenses	<u>8,116,785</u>

1	Total	53,689,741
2	Source of funds	
3	Federal funds	<u>53,689,741</u>
4	Total	53,689,741
5	Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
6	Personal services	1,215,984
7	Operating expenses	<u>773,080</u>
8	Total	1,989,064
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	1,926,564
11	Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
12	Total	1,989,064
13	Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
14	Personal services	1,462,774
15	Operating expenses	189,912
16	Grants	<u>37,500</u>
17	Total	1,690,186
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	1,511,104
20	Special funds	52,149
21	Federal funds	<u>126,933</u>

1	Total	1,690,186
2	Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services	
3	Personal services	2,391,977
4	Operating expenses	349,027
5	Grants	<u>8,450,425</u>
6	Total	11,191,429
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	1,662,398
9	Special funds	3,765,489
10	Federal funds	<u>5,763,542</u>
11	Total	11,191,429
12	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council	
13	Personal services	2,691,167
14	Operating expenses	<u>1,987,866</u>
15	Total	4,679,033
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	4,331,708
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>347,325</u>
19	Total	4,679,033
20	Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
21	Personal services	3,612,905

1	Operating expenses	<u>462,506</u>
2	Total	4,075,411
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,650,272
5	Special funds	1,919,780
6	Federal funds	497,859
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,500</u>
8	Total	4,075,411
9	Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer	
10	protection	
11	Personal services	6,110,557
12	Operating expenses	1,310,703
13	Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
14	Total	10,201,260
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	4,235,750
17	Special funds	3,830,620
18	Federal funds	2,122,890
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
20	Total	10,201,260

1	Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development	
2	Personal services	3,031,439
3	Operating expenses	720,667
4	Grants	<u>16,318,200</u>
5	Total	20,070,306
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	3,232,484
8	Special funds	683,149
9	Federal funds	16,103,955
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,718</u>
11	Total	20,070,306
12	Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management	
13	and environmental stewardship	
14	Personal services	3,112,283
15	Operating expenses	916,568
16	Grants	<u>555,000</u>
17	Total	4,583,851
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	808,770
20	Special funds	2,977,583
21	Federal funds	411,751

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>385,747</u>
2	Total	4,583,851
3	Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont agriculture and	
4	environmental lab	
5	Personal services	2,118,554
6	Operating expenses	<u>1,425,694</u>
7	Total	3,544,248
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	1,657,622
10	Special funds	1,799,983
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>86,643</u>
12	Total	3,544,248
13	Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, food and markets - clean water	
14	Personal services	4,302,930
15	Operating expenses	596,899
16	Grants	<u>13,704,381</u>
17	Total	18,604,210
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	2,040,981
20	Special funds	13,143,719
21	Federal funds	899,994

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,519,516</u>
2	Total	18,604,210
3	Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
4	Personal services	3,191,764
5	Operating expenses	119,849
6	Grants	<u>100,000</u>
7	Total	3,411,613
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>3,411,613</u>
10	Total	3,411,613
11	Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
12	Personal services	2,626,530
13	Operating expenses	<u>489,061</u>
14	Total	3,115,591
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>3,115,591</u>
17	Total	3,115,591
18	Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
19	Personal services	6,081,320
20	Operating expenses	<u>726,826</u>
21	Total	6,808,146

1	Source of funds	
2	Special funds	<u>6,808,146</u>
3	Total	6,808,146
4	Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
5	Personal services	5,852,030
6	Operating expenses	<u>485,166</u>
7	Total	6,337,196
8	Source of funds	
9	Special funds	<u>6,337,196</u>
10	Total	6,337,196
11	Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
12	Personal services	1,484,957
13	Operating expenses	<u>236,805</u>
14	Total	1,721,762
15	Source of funds	
16	Special funds	<u>1,721,762</u>
17	Total	1,721,762
18	Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
19	Personal services	22,771,803
20	Operating expenses	3,553,687
21	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>

1	Total	28,125,490
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	1,800,000
4	Special funds	21,682,168
5	Federal funds	<u>4,643,322</u>
6	Total	28,125,490
7	Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy	
8	Personal services	13,710,252
9	Operating expenses	2,748,196
10	Grants	<u>16,375,000</u>
11	Total	32,833,448
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	12,654,322
14	Federal funds	18,595,869
15	Interdepartmental transfers	1,568,571
16	Enterprise funds	<u>14,686</u>
17	Total	32,833,448
18	Sec. B.233.1 VT Community broadband board	
19	Personal services	2,453,429
20	Operating expenses	816,431
21	Grants	<u>43,000,000</u>

1	Total	46,269,860
2	Source of funds	
3	Special funds	882,735
4	Federal funds	<u>45,387,125</u>
5	Total	46,269,860
6	Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
7	Personal services	4,685,041
8	Operating expenses	<u>604,301</u>
9	Total	5,289,342
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	<u>5,289,342</u>
12	Total	5,289,342
13	Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 board	
14	Personal services	4,854,520
15	Operating expenses	<u>704,797</u>
16	Total	5,559,317
17	Source of funds	
18	Special funds	<u>5,559,317</u>
19	Total	5,559,317
20	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission	
21	Personal services	1,352,987

1	Operating expenses	<u>178,128</u>
2	Total	1,531,115
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	<u>1,531,115</u>
5	Total	1,531,115
6	Sec. B.236.1 Liquor and lottery commission	
7	Personal services	11,295,690
8	Operating expenses	<u>5,914,352</u>
9	Total	17,210,042
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	125,000
12	Tobacco fund	252,863
13	Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
14	Enterprise funds	<u>16,762,179</u>
15	Total	17,210,042
16	Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board	
17	Personal services	4,669,174
18	Operating expenses	2,456,952
19	Grants	<u>15,000</u>
20	Total	7,141,126
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	4,576,032
2	Special funds	<u>2,565,094</u>
3	Total	7,141,126
4	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	302,868,880
7	Special funds	123,157,988
8	Tobacco fund	687,523
9	Federal funds	252,448,869
10	Interdepartmental transfers	18,844,569
11	Enterprise funds	<u>16,776,865</u>
12	Total	714,784,694
13	Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
14	Personal services	18,803,543
15	Operating expenses	8,491,902
16	Grants	<u>3,257,864</u>
17	Total	30,553,309
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	12,150,921
20	Special funds	135,517
21	Federal funds	15,052,120

1	Global Commitment fund	2,875,929
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>338,822</u>
3	Total	30,553,309
4	Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment	
5	Grants	<u>2,273,186,435</u>
6	Total	2,273,186,435
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	743,900,289
9	Special funds	31,874,504
10	Tobacco fund	21,049,373
11	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
12	Federal funds	1,440,101,602
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,185,895</u>
14	Total	2,273,186,435
15	Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council	
16	Personal services	536,809
17	Operating expenses	91,194
18	Grants	<u>191,595</u>
19	Total	819,598
20	Source of funds	
21	Federal funds	<u>819,598</u>

1	Total	819,598
2	Sec. B.304 Human services board	
3	Personal services	837,298
4	Operating expenses	<u>103,145</u>
5	Total	940,443
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	550,413
8	Federal funds	<u>390,030</u>
9	Total	940,443
10	Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
11	Personal services	330,000
12	Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
13	Total	13,500,000
14	Source of funds	
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
16	Total	13,500,000
17	Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
18	Personal services	147,234,611
19	Operating expenses	47,892,588
20	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
21	Total	198,239,500

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	43,531,984
3	Special funds	11,408,238
4	Federal funds	135,473,624
5	Global Commitment fund	4,814,385
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,011,269</u>
7	Total	198,239,500
8	Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - global	
9	commitment	
10	Grants	<u>1,018,891,468</u>
11	Total	1,018,891,468
12	Source of funds	
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,018,891,468</u>
14	Total	1,018,891,468
15	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program - state	
16	only	
17	Grants	<u>87,719,396</u>
18	Total	87,719,396
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	62,223,167
21	Special funds	20,025,000

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,229</u>
2	Total	87,719,396
3	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver	
4	matched	
5	Grants	<u>53,713,422</u>
6	Total	53,713,422
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	13,976,890
9	Federal funds	<u>39,736,532</u>
10	Total	53,713,422
11	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support	
12	Personal services	9,530,484
13	Operating expenses	9,699,306
14	Grants	<u>0</u>
15	Total	19,229,790
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	3,988,804
18	Special funds	1,584,462
19	Tobacco fund	70,101
20	Federal funds	9,440,311
21	Global Commitment fund	4,018,122

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,990</u>
2	Total	19,229,790
3	Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
4	Personal services	74,383,408
5	Operating expenses	9,332,917
6	Grants	<u>50,181,945</u>
7	Total	133,898,270
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	16,942,106
10	Special funds	28,928,042
11	Tobacco fund	1,022,514
12	Federal funds	64,633,236
13	Global Commitment fund	19,796,403
14	Interdepartmental transfers	2,550,969
15	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
16	Total	133,898,270
17	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
18	Personal services	6,228,331
19	Operating expenses	1,597,360
20	Grants	<u>62,950,881</u>
21	Total	70,776,572

1	Source of funds	
2	General fund	4,597,402
3	Special funds	11,594,473
4	Tobacco fund	949,917
5	Federal funds	16,490,182
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>37,144,598</u>
7	Total	70,776,572
8	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
9	Personal services	15,045,226
10	Operating expenses	3,284,381
11	Grants	<u>284,925,309</u>
12	Total	303,254,916
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	16,159,945
15	Special funds	1,006,836
16	Federal funds	13,679,245
17	Global Commitment fund	271,143,986
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,264,904</u>
19	Total	303,254,916
20	Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities	
21	Personal services	42,645,892

1	Operating expenses	<u>3,453,114</u>
2	Total	46,099,006
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	23,627,954
5	Special funds	1,711,833
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>20,759,219</u>
7	Total	46,099,006
8	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support	
9	services	
10	Personal services	53,504,671
11	Operating expenses	21,318,873
12	Grants	<u>5,311,047</u>
13	Total	80,134,591
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	54,056,305
16	Special funds	2,695,360
17	Federal funds	20,162,623
18	Global Commitment fund	2,593,300
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>627,003</u>
20	Total	80,134,591

1	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
2	Personal services	53,086,776
3	Operating expenses	5,608,679
4	Grants	<u>101,038,145</u>
5	Total	159,733,600
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	68,388,078
8	Special funds	729,150
9	Federal funds	37,280,968
10	Global Commitment fund	53,320,404
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
12	Total	159,733,600
13	Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
14	Personal services	7,080,069
15	Operating expenses	1,017,973
16	Grants	<u>225,731,684</u>
17	Total	233,829,726
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	71,876,506
20	Special funds	104,967,803
21	Federal funds	42,948,970

1	Global Commitment fund	<u>14,036,447</u>
2	Total	233,829,726
3	Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support	
4	Personal services	14,842,317
5	Operating expenses	<u>3,753,380</u>
6	Total	18,595,697
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	5,841,149
9	Special funds	453,110
10	Federal funds	11,913,838
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
12	Total	18,595,697
13	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and	
14	disabled	
15	Personal services	2,611,765
16	Grants	<u>10,283,881</u>
17	Total	12,895,646
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	7,452,643
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,443,003</u>
21	Total	12,895,646

1	Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance	
2	Personal services	15,000
3	Grants	<u>11,190,819</u>
4	Total	11,205,819
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	11,004,245
7	Federal funds	11,098
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>190,476</u>
9	Total	11,205,819
10	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT	
11	Grants	<u>53,077,812</u>
12	Total	53,077,812
13	Source of funds	
14	Federal funds	<u>53,077,812</u>
15	Total	53,077,812
16	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up	
17	Operating expenses	23,821
18	Grants	<u>32,466,947</u>
19	Total	32,490,768
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	17,904,212

1	Special funds	6,106,068
2	Federal funds	4,953,062
3	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,527,426</u>
4	Total	32,490,768
5	Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel	
6	assistance/LIHEAP	
7	Grants	<u>20,730,395</u>
8	Total	20,730,395
9	Source of funds	
10	Special funds	1,480,395
11	Federal funds	<u>19,250,000</u>
12	Total	20,730,395
13	Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic	
14	opportunity	
15	Personal services	1,872,257
16	Operating expenses	188,231
17	Grants	<u>55,272,640</u>
18	Total	57,333,128
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	48,486,907
21	Special funds	83,135

1	Federal funds	5,139,585
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,623,501</u>
3	Total	57,333,128
4	Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization	
5	assistance	
6	Personal services	473,291
7	Operating expenses	277,072
8	Grants	<u>16,147,885</u>
9	Total	16,898,248
10	Source of funds	
11	Special funds	7,733,295
12	Federal funds	<u>9,164,953</u>
13	Total	16,898,248
14	Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential treatment	
15	Personal services	258,100
16	Operating expenses	38,870
17	Grants	<u>4,476,862</u>
18	Total	4,773,832
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,743,832
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>

1	Total	4,773,832
2	Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination	
3	services	
4	Personal services	8,771,035
5	Operating expenses	<u>632,678</u>
6	Total	9,403,713
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	141,599
9	Federal funds	<u>9,262,114</u>
10	Total	9,403,713
11	Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &	
12	support	
13	Personal services	53,613,657
14	Operating expenses	<u>7,899,745</u>
15	Total	61,513,402
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	28,240,734
18	Special funds	2,601,056
19	Federal funds	29,054,031
20	Global Commitment fund	110,000
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,507,581</u>

1	Total	61,513,402
2	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and	
3	independent living grants	
4	Grants	<u>27,332,274</u>
5	Total	27,332,274
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	8,769,909
8	Federal funds	10,541,896
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,020,469</u>
10	Total	27,332,274
11	Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually	
12	impaired	
13	Grants	<u>3,557,604</u>
14	Total	3,557,604
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	639,154
17	Special funds	223,450
18	Federal funds	2,390,000
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>305,000</u>
20	Total	3,557,604

1	Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational	
2	rehabilitation	
3	Grants	<u>10,145,384</u>
4	Total	10,145,384
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	371,845
7	Federal funds	9,616,000
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>157,539</u>
9	Total	10,145,384
10	Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental services	
11	Grants	<u>361,412,468</u>
12	Total	361,412,468
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	132,732
15	Special funds	15,463
16	Federal funds	200,000
17	Global Commitment fund	360,997,607
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>66,666</u>
19	Total	361,412,468
20	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and	
21	community based waiver	

1	Grants	<u>7,617,804</u>
2	Total	7,617,804
3	Source of funds	
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,617,804</u>
5	Total	7,617,804
6	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - long term care	
7	Grants	<u>363,402,885</u>
8	Total	363,402,885
9	Source of funds	
10	General fund	498,579
11	Federal funds	2,450,000
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>360,454,306</u>
13	Total	363,402,885
14	Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration	
15	Personal services	6,294,173
16	Operating expenses	<u>269,950</u>
17	Total	6,564,123
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	<u>6,564,123</u>
20	Total	6,564,123

1	Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board	
2	Personal services	546,911
3	Operating expenses	<u>60,112</u>
4	Total	607,023
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>607,023</u>
7	Total	607,023
8	Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
9	Personal services	4,229,246
10	Operating expenses	<u>255,064</u>
11	Total	4,484,310
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	4,335,526
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
15	Total	4,484,310
16	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
17	Personal services	185,053,487
18	Operating expenses	28,640,294
19	Grants	<u>801,823</u>
20	Total	214,495,604
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	205,731,635
2	Special funds	935,963
3	Federal funds	581,790
4	Global Commitment fund	6,849,901
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
6	Total	214,495,604
7	Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - justice reinvestment II	
8	Grants	<u>11,189,702</u>
9	Total	11,189,702
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	8,625,161
12	Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
13	Total	11,189,702
14	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds	
15	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
16	Total	4,130,378
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
19	Total	4,130,378
20	Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation	
21	Personal services	694,135

1	Operating expenses	<u>457,555</u>
2	Total	1,151,690
3	Source of funds	
4	Special funds	<u>1,151,690</u>
5	Total	1,151,690
6	Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
7	Personal services	515,893
8	Operating expenses	<u>160,570</u>
9	Total	676,463
10	Source of funds	
11	Internal service funds	<u>676,463</u>
12	Total	676,463
13	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
14	Personal services	24,295,479
15	Operating expenses	<u>7,265,907</u>
16	Total	31,561,386
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	10,370,653
19	Special funds	12,153,730
20	Federal funds	<u>9,037,003</u>
21	Total	31,561,386

1	Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
2	Personal services	446,911
3	Operating expenses	<u>93,377</u>
4	Total	540,288
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	536,228
7	Special funds	<u>4,060</u>
8	Total	540,288
9	Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
10	Grants	<u>169,909</u>
11	Total	169,909
12	Source of funds	
13	General fund	<u>169,909</u>
14	Total	169,909
15	Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
16	Personal services	10,791,488
17	Operating expenses	<u>585,144</u>
18	Total	11,376,632
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	4,403,223
21	Special funds	<u>6,973,409</u>

1	Total	11,376,632
2	Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
3	Personal services	407,107
4	Operating expenses	<u>85,059</u>
5	Total	492,166
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>492,166</u>
8	Total	492,166
9	Sec. B.347 Total human services	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	1,516,164,329
12	Special funds	256,576,042
13	Tobacco fund	23,091,905
14	State health care resources fund	31,074,772
15	Federal funds	2,012,852,223
16	Global Commitment fund	2,214,599,524
17	Internal service funds	676,463
18	Interdepartmental transfers	29,286,337
19	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
20	Total	6,084,346,595

1	Sec. B.400 Labor - programs	
2	Personal services	37,245,562
3	Operating expenses	5,944,271
4	Grants	<u>1,632,900</u>
5	Total	44,822,733
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	11,854,490
8	Special funds	10,685,153
9	Federal funds	22,188,227
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,863</u>
11	Total	44,822,733
12	Sec. B.401 Total labor	
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	11,854,490
15	Special funds	10,685,153
16	Federal funds	22,188,227
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,863</u>
18	Total	44,822,733
19	Sec. B.500 Education - education services	
20	Personal services	34,311,091
21	Operating expenses	6,389,982

1	Grants	<u>188,531,318</u>
2	Total	229,232,391
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	20,194,009
5	Special funds	2,111,117
6	Tobacco fund	750,388
7	Education fund	3,937,725
8	Federal funds	200,665,386
9	Global Commitment fund	260,000
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,313,766</u>
11	Total	229,232,391
12	Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants	
13	Personal services	1,083,000
14	Grants	<u>275,642,100</u>
15	Total	276,725,100
16	Source of funds	
17	Education fund	<u>276,725,100</u>
18	Total	276,725,100
19	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students	
20	Grants	<u>18,286,500</u>
21	Total	18,286,500

1	Source of funds	
2	Education fund	<u>18,286,500</u>
3	Total	18,286,500
4	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy	
5	Grants	<u>5,290,338</u>
6	Total	5,290,338
7	Source of funds	
8	General fund	4,349,673
9	Federal funds	<u>940,665</u>
10	Total	5,290,338
11	Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways	
12	Grants	<u>11,742,782</u>
13	Total	11,742,782
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	921,500
16	Education fund	<u>10,821,282</u>
17	Total	11,742,782
18	Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment	
19	Grants	<u>2,067,557,580</u>
20	Total	2,067,557,580
21	Source of funds	

1	Education fund	<u>2,067,557,580</u>
2	Total	2,067,557,580
3	Sec. B.506 Education - transportation	
4	Grants	<u>26,925,382</u>
5	Total	26,925,382
6	Source of funds	
7	Education fund	<u>26,925,382</u>
8	Total	26,925,382
9	Sec. B.507 Education - merger support grants	
10	Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
11	Total	1,800,000
12	Source of funds	
13	Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
14	Total	1,800,000
15	Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL categorical aid	
16	Grants	<u>2,500,000</u>
17	Total	2,500,000
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>2,500,000</u>
20	Total	2,500,000

1	Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
2	Grants	<u>18,300,000</u>
3	Total	18,300,000
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>18,300,000</u>
6	Total	18,300,000
7	Sec. B.509 Education - afterschool grant program	
8	Personal services	484,293
9	Operating expenses	20,707
10	Grants	<u>9,595,000</u>
11	Total	10,100,000
12	Source of funds	
13	Special funds	<u>10,100,000</u>
14	Total	10,100,000
15	Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
16	Grants	<u>9,552,240</u>
17	Total	9,552,240
18	Source of funds	
19	Education fund	<u>9,552,240</u>
20	Total	9,552,240

1	Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
2	Grants	<u>19,636,750</u>
3	Total	19,636,750
4	Source of funds	
5	Education fund	<u>19,636,750</u>
6	Total	19,636,750
7	Sec. B.511.1 State board of education	
8	Personal services	184,208
9	Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
10	Total	200,708
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>200,708</u>
13	Total	200,708
14	Sec. B.513 Retired teachers pension plus funding	
15	Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
16	Total	15,000,000
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
19	Total	15,000,000
20	Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system	
21	Grants	<u>212,905,084</u>

1	Total	212,905,084
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	170,750,066
4	Education fund	<u>42,155,018</u>
5	Total	212,905,084
6	Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration	
7	Personal services	428,408
8	Operating expenses	<u>3,750,161</u>
9	Total	4,178,569
10	Source of funds	
11	Pension trust funds	<u>4,178,569</u>
12	Total	4,178,569
13	Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits	
14	Grants	<u>90,834,595</u>
15	Total	90,834,595
16	Source of funds	
17	General fund	62,640,904
18	Education fund	<u>28,193,691</u>
19	Total	90,834,595
20	Sec. B.516 Total general education	
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	274,056,860
2	Special funds	12,211,117
3	Tobacco fund	750,388
4	Education fund	2,526,391,268
5	Federal funds	201,606,051
6	Global Commitment fund	260,000
7	Interdepartmental transfers	1,313,766
8	Pension trust funds	<u>4,178,569</u>
9	Total	3,020,768,019
10	Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
11	Grants	<u>59,099,447</u>
12	Total	59,099,447
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	<u>59,099,447</u>
15	Total	59,099,447
16	Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
17	Grants	<u>54,042,753</u>
18	Total	54,042,753
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>54,042,753</u>
21	Total	54,042,753

1	Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
2	Grants	<u>1,806,000</u>
3	Total	1,806,000
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	306,000
6	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
7	Total	1,806,000
8	Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
9	Grants	<u>27,897,494</u>
10	Total	27,897,494
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	<u>27,897,494</u>
13	Total	27,897,494
14	Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - flexible pathways stipend	
15	Grants	<u>82,450</u>
16	Total	82,450
17	Source of funds	
18	General fund	41,225
19	Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
20	Total	82,450

1	Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
2	Grants	<u>86,520</u>
3	Total	86,520
4	Source of funds	
5	General fund	<u>86,520</u>
6	Total	86,520
7	Sec. B.607 Total higher education	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	141,473,439
10	Education fund	41,225
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
12	Total	143,014,664
13	Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration	
14	Personal services	6,881,451
15	Operating expenses	1,291,376
16	Grants	<u>5,000</u>
17	Total	8,177,827
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	5,628,757
20	Special funds	687,843
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,861,227</u>

1	Total	8,177,827
2	Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment	
3	Operating expenses	<u>2,711,643</u>
4	Total	2,711,643
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	2,290,143
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>
8	Total	2,711,643
9	Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
10	Personal services	25,124,512
11	Operating expenses	7,287,815
12	Grants	<u>824,803</u>
13	Total	33,237,130
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	10,313,811
16	Special funds	379,405
17	Fish and wildlife fund	10,864,047
18	Federal funds	10,133,967
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,545,900</u>
20	Total	33,237,130

1	Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
2	Personal services	1,644,130
3	Operating expenses	<u>1,807,698</u>
4	Total	3,451,828
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	3,207,811
7	Special funds	138,261
8	Federal funds	<u>105,756</u>
9	Total	3,451,828
10	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
11	Personal services	10,669,963
12	Operating expenses	1,397,258
13	Grants	<u>2,517,648</u>
14	Total	14,584,869
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	7,196,482
17	Special funds	1,553,980
18	Federal funds	5,657,787
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>176,620</u>
20	Total	14,584,869

1	Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
2	Personal services	14,447,858
3	Operating expenses	4,775,590
4	Grants	<u>598,307</u>
5	Total	19,821,755
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	1,774,736
8	Special funds	<u>18,047,019</u>
9	Total	19,821,755
10	Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation	
11	Personal services	8,459,029
12	Operating expenses	4,627,930
13	Grants	<u>2,469,865</u>
14	Total	15,556,824
15	Source of funds	
16	General fund	1,403,261
17	Special funds	2,430,801
18	Federal funds	11,180,116
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>542,646</u>
20	Total	15,556,824

1	Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads	
2	Personal services	130,000
3	Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
4	Total	229,925
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>229,925</u>
7	Total	229,925
8	Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services	
9	Personal services	10,017,955
10	Operating expenses	5,850,830
11	Grants	<u>191,597</u>
12	Total	16,060,382
13	Source of funds	
14	General fund	2,207,896
15	Special funds	1,593,728
16	Federal funds	2,948,598
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,310,160</u>
18	Total	16,060,382
19	Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management	
20	Personal services	15,391,418
21	Operating expenses	5,574,446

1	Grants	<u>7,623,000</u>
2	Total	28,588,864
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	1,476,577
5	Special funds	20,742,337
6	Federal funds	6,202,095
7	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,855</u>
8	Total	28,588,864
9	Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs	
10	Personal services	43,817,953
11	Operating expenses	9,017,743
12	Grants	<u>104,714,537</u>
13	Total	157,550,233
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	13,321,778
16	Special funds	34,702,513
17	Federal funds	108,412,378
18	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,113,564</u>
19	Total	157,550,233
20	Sec. B.713 Land use review board	
21	Personal services	5,298,333

1	Operating expenses	<u>598,682</u>
2	Total	5,897,015
3	Source of funds	
4	General fund	4,364,343
5	Special funds	<u>1,532,672</u>
6	Total	5,897,015
7	Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	53,415,520
10	Special funds	81,808,559
11	Fish and wildlife fund	10,864,047
12	Federal funds	144,640,697
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,139,472</u>
14	Total	305,868,295
15	Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and	
16	community development - administration	
17	Personal services	2,617,789
18	Operating expenses	921,911
19	Grants	<u>424,320</u>
20	Total	3,964,020
21	Source of funds	

1	General fund	<u>3,964,020</u>
2	Total	3,964,020
3	Sec. B.801 Economic development	
4	Personal services	3,221,256
5	Operating expenses	1,306,125
6	Grants	<u>6,506,544</u>
7	Total	11,033,925
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	6,105,922
10	Special funds	3,314,565
11	Federal funds	<u>1,613,438</u>
12	Total	11,033,925
13	Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
14	Personal services	6,568,853
15	Operating expenses	2,253,786
16	Grants	<u>45,303,523</u>
17	Total	54,126,162
18	Source of funds	
19	General fund	12,002,421
20	Transportation fund	1,000,000
21	Special funds	10,679,645

1	Federal funds	<u>30,444,096</u>
2	Total	54,126,162
3	Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
4	Personal services	2,284,798
5	Operating expenses	1,785,851
6	Grants	<u>1,020,000</u>
7	Total	5,090,649
8	Source of funds	
9	General fund	<u>5,090,649</u>
10	Total	5,090,649
11	Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts	
12	Grants	<u>1,071,800</u>
13	Total	1,071,800
14	Source of funds	
15	General fund	<u>1,071,800</u>
16	Total	1,071,800
17	Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra	
18	Grants	<u>158,795</u>
19	Total	158,795
20	Source of funds	
21	General fund	<u>158,795</u>

1	Total	158,795
2	Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society	
3	Grants	<u>1,245,583</u>
4	Total	1,245,583
5	Source of funds	
6	General fund	<u>1,245,583</u>
7	Total	1,245,583
8	Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board	
9	Grants	<u>100,358,842</u>
10	Total	100,358,842
11	Source of funds	
12	General fund	1,680,529
13	Special funds	39,341,857
14	Federal funds	<u>59,336,456</u>
15	Total	100,358,842
16	Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
17	Grants	<u>327,818</u>
18	Total	327,818
19	Source of funds	
20	General fund	<u>327,818</u>
21	Total	327,818

1	Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
2	Source of funds	
3	General fund	31,647,537
4	Transportation fund	1,000,000
5	Special funds	53,336,067
6	Federal funds	<u>91,393,990</u>
7	Total	177,377,594
8	Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
9	Personal services	19,147,814
10	Operating expenses	6,291,478
11	Grants	<u>50,000</u>
12	Total	25,489,292
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	24,169,252
15	Federal funds	<u>1,320,040</u>
16	Total	25,489,292
17	Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
18	Personal services	5,289,467
19	Operating expenses	<u>7,691,413</u>
20	Total	12,980,880
21	Source of funds	

1	Transportation fund	6,710,146
2	Federal funds	<u>6,270,734</u>
3	Total	12,980,880
4	Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
5	Operating expenses	<u>1,700,000</u>
6	Total	1,700,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>1,700,000</u>
9	Total	1,700,000
10	Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	
11	Personal services	109,305,403
12	Operating expenses	304,422,913
13	Grants	<u>51,321,428</u>
14	Total	465,049,744
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	66,875,701
17	TIB fund	14,575,436
18	Special funds	280,000
19	Federal funds	363,035,876
20	Interdepartmental transfers	10,331,303
21	Local match	<u>9,951,428</u>

1	Total	465,049,744
2	Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction	
3	Personal services	180,000
4	Operating expenses	<u>270,000</u>
5	Total	450,000
6	Source of funds	
7	Transportation fund	45,000
8	Federal funds	<u>405,000</u>
9	Total	450,000
10	Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system	
11	Personal services	52,774,612
12	Operating expenses	<u>59,752,063</u>
13	Total	112,526,675
14	Source of funds	
15	Transportation fund	109,994,661
16	Federal funds	2,432,014
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
18	Total	112,526,675
19	Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
20	Personal services	3,368,645
21	Operating expenses	299,526

1	Grants	<u>10,254,679</u>
2	Total	13,922,850
3	Source of funds	
4	Transportation fund	2,378,766
5	Federal funds	11,444,134
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,950</u>
7	Total	13,922,850
8	Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - environmental policy and sustainability	
9	Personal services	14,855,456
10	Operating expenses	<u>89,082</u>
11	Total	14,944,538
12	Source of funds	
13	Transportation fund	371,589
14	Federal funds	11,025,693
15	Interdepartmental transfers	1,141,695
16	Local match	<u>2,405,561</u>
17	Total	14,944,538
18	Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
19	Personal services	8,671,804
20	Operating expenses	51,567,606
21	Grants	<u>50,000</u>

1	Total	60,289,410
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	12,548,774
4	TIB fund	1,000,000
5	Federal funds	34,688,907
6	Interdepartmental transfers	6,854,052
7	Local match	<u>5,197,677</u>
8	Total	60,289,410
9	Sec. B.907.1 Transportation - Rail Trails Program	
10	Personal services	3,577,763
11	Operating expenses	<u>57,266</u>
12	Total	3,635,029
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	478,272
15	Federal funds	1,769,326
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,387,431</u>
17	Total	3,635,029
18	Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
19	Personal services	136,840
20	Operating expenses	71,582
21	Grants	<u>57,646,725</u>

1	Total	57,855,147
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	9,947,447
4	Federal funds	46,607,700
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,300,000</u>
6	Total	57,855,147
7	Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
8	Personal services	6,345,376
9	Operating expenses	<u>19,725,126</u>
10	Total	26,070,502
11	Source of funds	
12	Internal service funds	<u>26,070,502</u>
13	Total	26,070,502
14	Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
15	Personal services	39,906,668
16	Operating expenses	<u>11,738,708</u>
17	Total	51,645,376
18	Source of funds	
19	Transportation fund	46,545,599
20	Federal funds	4,978,081
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>

1	Total	51,645,376
2	Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
3	Grants	<u>7,394,400</u>
4	Total	7,394,400
5	Source of funds	
6	Transportation fund	<u>7,394,400</u>
7	Total	7,394,400
8	Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
9	Personal services	439,752
10	Operating expenses	28,700
11	Grants	<u>13,000</u>
12	Total	481,452
13	Source of funds	
14	Transportation fund	121,452
15	Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
16	Total	481,452
17	Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
18	Grants	<u>8,832,200</u>
19	Total	8,832,200
20	Source of funds	
21	Transportation fund	<u>8,832,200</u>

1	Total	8,832,200
2	Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
3	Personal services	9,168,000
4	Operating expenses	19,830,382
5	Grants	<u>1,280,000</u>
6	Total	30,278,382
7	Source of funds	
8	TIB fund	2,774,564
9	Federal funds	25,604,186
10	Interdepartmental transfers	255,672
11	Local match	<u>1,643,960</u>
12	Total	30,278,382
13	Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
14	Grants	<u>31,240,042</u>
15	Total	31,240,042
16	Source of funds	
17	Transportation fund	<u>31,240,042</u>
18	Total	31,240,042
19	Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
20	Grants	<u>128,750</u>
21	Total	128,750

1	Source of funds	
2	Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
3	Total	128,750
4	Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
5	Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
6	Total	1,150,000
7	Source of funds	
8	Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
9	Total	1,150,000
10	Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	
11	Personal services	500,000
12	Operating expenses	50,000
13	Grants	<u>3,450,000</u>
14	Total	4,000,000
15	Source of funds	
16	Federal funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
17	Total	4,000,000
18	Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program	
19	Personal services	137,500
20	Operating expenses	310,500
21	Grants	<u>5,695,000</u>

1	Total	6,143,000
2	Source of funds	
3	Transportation fund	715,000
4	Special funds	4,000,000
5	Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
6	Total	6,143,000
7	Sec. B.921 Transportation board	
8	Personal services	176,096
9	Operating expenses	<u>19,208</u>
10	Total	195,304
11	Source of funds	
12	Transportation fund	<u>195,304</u>
13	Total	195,304
14	Sec. B.922 Total transportation	
15	Source of funds	
16	Transportation fund	331,542,355
17	TIB fund	18,350,000
18	Special funds	4,280,000
19	Federal funds	515,369,691
20	Internal service funds	26,070,502
21	Interdepartmental transfers	21,591,799

1	Local match	<u>19,198,626</u>
2	Total	936,402,973
3	Sec. B.1000 Debt service	
4	Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
5	Total	675,000
6	Source of funds	
7	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
8	Total	675,000
9	Sec. B.1001 Total debt service	
10	Source of funds	
11	General fund	<u>675,000</u>
12	Total	675,000

13 * * * Fiscal Year 2027 One-Time Appropriations * * *

14 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME

15 APPROPRIATIONS

16 (a) Agency of Administration Secretary's office. In fiscal year 2027, funds
17 are appropriated for the following:

18 (1) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue
19 for an additional year the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership
20 Vermont program.

1 (2) \$900,000 General Fund to complete the work of the Truth and
2 Reconciliation Commission.

3 (b) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
4 appropriated for the following:

5 (1) \$300,000 General Fund and \$2,700,000 federal funds for
6 information technology updates resulting from the 2025 federal H.R.1
7 Medicaid changes.

8 (2) \$1,210,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants.

9 (3) \$3,708,562 Global Commitment for enhanced rates to primary care
10 providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.

11 (c) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
12 appropriated for the following:

13 (1) \$21,183,809 General Fund for the provision of services,
14 implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, shelter
15 development and operation, emergency housing in hotels and motels, grants to
16 municipalities, emergency cold weather shelters, and supportive services,
17 including case management, staffing, grants, and contracts to be allocated as
18 follows:

19 (A) \$14,118,880 for emergency housing in hotels and motels;

20 (B) \$2,064,929 for staffing, grants, and contracts;

21 (C) \$3,000,000 for shelter development;

1 (D) \$500,000 for grants to municipalities pursuant to 33 V.S.A.

2 § 2209(a); and

3 (E) \$1,500,000 for emergency cold-weather shelters.

4 (2) \$164,500 General Fund and \$29,873 Global Commitment for a grant
5 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.

6 (3) \$180,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child
7 Center Network for concrete supports programs.

8 (4) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to End Homelessness Vermont to
9 continue providing statewide housing navigation, case management, service
10 coordination, technical assistance, appeals, and permanent housing support for
11 individuals living with complex needs and disabilities who are experiencing
12 homelessness or housing insecurity.

13 (5) \$130,000 General Fund for distribution to supervised visitation
14 programs pursuant to Sec. E.317 of this act.

15 (6) \$4,000,000 General Fund for a temporary secure treatment facility
16 for youth.

17 (7) \$550,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank's
18 network partners through an equitable statewide distribution of food or
19 subgrants, or both.

20 (8) \$293,866 Global Commitment for post permanency adoption
21 services.

1 (d) Agency of Human Services Secretary's office. In fiscal year 2027,
2 funds are appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for an
4 immigration attorney.

5 (2) \$500,000 General Fund and \$692,464 federal funds for the Global
6 Commitment appropriation in subdivision (k)(2) of this section to support
7 Meals on Wheels programs.

8 (3) \$12,526 General Fund and \$17,347 federal funds for the Global
9 Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(2) of this section for a grant to
10 Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.

11 (4) \$1,555,000 General Fund and \$2,153,562 federal funds for the
12 Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (b)(3) of this section for
13 enhanced rates to primary care providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.

14 (5) \$123,218 General Fund and \$170,648 federal funds for the Global
15 Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(8) of this section for post
16 permanency adoption services.

17 (6) \$56,000 General Fund, \$44,000 federal funds, and \$100,000 Global
18 Commitment for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for the Vermont Legal Aid
19 Helpline.

20 (e) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2027, funds
21 are appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic
2 Collaborative grants.

3 (2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Serve Learn Earn Program.

4 (f) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year
5 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

6 (1) \$800,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement
7 and Repair Program.

8 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont State Housing
9 Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and
10 Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

11 (3) \$100,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency
12 First Generation Homebuyer Program.

13 (4) \$25,000 General Fund for a grant to the South Hero Service
14 Committee to design and construct a building.

15 (5) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont 250th Anniversary
16 Commission for the 250th celebration.

17 (6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Council on Rural
18 Development for municipal technical assistance.

19 (g) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
20 appropriated for the following:

1 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for maintaining the current contract with the
2 Canadian International Economic Development Partnership to provide in-
3 market services to Montreal-based businesses seeking to expand into Vermont.

4 (2) \$75,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Professionals of
5 Color Network.

6 (3) \$2,000,000 General Fund for the Rural Industry Development
7 Program.

8 (4) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Law and
9 Graduate School for its public education offerings and free legal support to
10 small businesses through its Vermont Small Business Law Center.

11 (5) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Small Business
12 Development Center to support the continuation of its work in helping
13 Vermonters start, acquire, and grow businesses and to increase business
14 advising and educational workshops to meet increasing demands of
15 entrepreneurs and small business owners post pandemic.

16 (h) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated
17 for the following:

18 (1) \$1,360,069 Transportation Fund for the FEMA 428 project
19 relocating the Central Garage to Paine Turnpike in Berlin.

20 (2) \$1,347,107 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
21 § 3709(a), for grants to municipalities that would have otherwise been eligible

1 for federal aid if a presidential disaster declaration had been approved for
2 damage incurred in Caledonia County during July 2025. Grants shall be
3 provided on a reimbursement basis for actual costs incurred under the
4 following conditions:

5 (A) Awards shall be for repairs made to infrastructure included in
6 damage estimates conducted by the Agency of Transportation in March 2026
7 for the July 2025 disaster.

8 (B) Awards shall be for up to 50 percent of the repair costs estimated
9 by the Agency of Transportation in March 2026.

10 (C) The repair conducted is compliant with all applicable Vermont
11 statutes and regulations.

12 (D) The recipient agrees to maintain documentation as required by
13 the Agency of Transportation.

14 (E) The recipient accepts other award terms and conditions as
15 determined by the Agency of Transportation and required by Agency of
16 Administration Bulletin 5 to ensure the funds are spent appropriately and
17 effectively.

18 (3) \$300,000 General Fund for supplemental nonemergency medical
19 transportation funding.

20 (4) \$3,000,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
21 § 3709(a), to provide additional grants through the general State aid to town

1 highways program pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306(a). The amount appropriated
2 pursuant to this subdivision shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or
3 decrease any amounts appropriated pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A.
4 § 306(a) in fiscal year 2027.

5 (i) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for
6 the following:

7 (1) \$140,000 General Fund for the Vermont State Youth Council.

8 (2) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Language Justice
9 Project to prepare informational materials for Vermonters who speak
10 languages other than English in the event of a disease outbreak, natural
11 disaster, or other public health emergency.

12 (j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
13 appropriated for the following:

14 (1) \$160,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center for the
15 Community Outreach Program.

16 (k) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living. In fiscal
17 year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

18 (1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.

19 (2) \$1,192,464 Global Commitment to support Meals on Wheels
20 programs.

1 (3) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to support the start-up costs of a
2 new adult day program in Washington or Rutland county or to support the cost
3 of an existing adult day program to expand its capacity to serve more
4 individuals.

5 (l) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2027, funds
6 are appropriated for the following:

7 (1) \$350,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming
8 Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share
9 programs.

10 (2) \$300,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural Resource
11 Conservation Districts.

12 (3) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank for the
13 Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.

14 (m) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 (1) \$90,000 General Fund for the Vermont Access Network Community
17 Radio Program.

18 (2) \$450,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar
19 year 2026.

20 (3) \$50,000 General Fund for awards to support local civic journalism.

1 (n) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for
2 the following:

3 (1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.

4 (o) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for
5 the following:

6 (1) \$157,000 General Fund to provide healthy meals and snacks to
7 children and adults receiving supervised care services.

8 (2) \$150,000 General Fund for automated external defibrillators and
9 cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools.

10 (3) \$700,000 General Fund for the Read Vermont Program.

11 (p) [Deleted.]

12 (q) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
13 appropriated for the following:

14 (1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$2,320,000 Higher Education
15 Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal
16 for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), for
17 Freedom and Unity grants.

18 (r) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
19 appropriated for the following:

20 (1) \$150,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
21 Program.

1 (2) \$75,000 General Fund for costs associated with the Pension and
2 Benefits Funding Task Force.

3 (s) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the
4 following:

5 (1) \$15,000 General Fund to support the work of the County and
6 Regional Governance Study Committee.

7 (t) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for
8 the following:

9 (1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$600,000 Higher Education
10 Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal
11 for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), for the
12 development of the new 30-unit, three-story housing complex on the Johnson
13 Campus.

14 (u) [Deleted.]

15 (v) [Deleted.]

16 (w) [Deleted.]

17 (x) University of Vermont. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for
18 the following:

19 (1)(A) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$2,000,000 Higher Education
20 Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal
21 for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), and

1 \$10,000,000 General Fund for the Multi-Purpose Center Project approved by
2 the Board of Trustees in 2019.

3 (B) Any contract awarded for construction that is paid for with this
4 spending authority shall adhere to the higher of:

5 (i) the prevailing wage requirements established in 29 V.S.A.
6 § 161(b); or

7 (ii) the prevailing local wage requirements as determined by the
8 U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act or related federal acts or
9 regulations.

10 (C) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this appropriation be
11 a contribution to the remaining fundraising effort, estimated to be a total of
12 \$101,000,000, for the project. If the University of Vermont has not received
13 new donations for the project totaling \$89,000,000 or more between July 1,
14 2026, and July 1, 2029, it is the intent of the General Assembly that future
15 appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2030 be reduced over a reasonable
16 number of fiscal years to recoup an amount equal to this appropriation and any
17 interest accrued without causing undue financial harm to the institution.

18 (D)(i) In fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029, as part of its budget
19 presentation and as requested, to the extent that the fundraising effort for the
20 project is ongoing, the University of Vermont shall report to the House and
21 Senate Committees on Appropriations on the status of the fundraising effort.

1 (ii) In fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029, to the extent that the fundraising
2 effort for the project is ongoing, the University of Vermont shall report to the
3 Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting and as requested on the status of the
4 fundraising effort.

5 (y) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated
6 for the following:

7 (1) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to Jenna's Promise to support
8 reentry services.

9 (z) Center for Crime Victim Services. In fiscal year 2027, funds are
10 appropriated for the following:

11 (1) \$350,000 Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund for grants to
12 the member organizations of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and
13 Sexual Violence.

14 Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2026 CLOSEOUT; FISCAL YEAR 2027

15 CONTINGENT TRANSACTIONS

16 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2026 closeout, the Department of Finance and
17 Management shall execute the requirements of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27,
18 Sec. D.103(a)(1)(D), as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55
19 and further amended by Sec. C.102 of this act; 32 V.S.A. § 308; and 32 V.S.A.
20 § 308f. The Department of Finance and Management shall then,
21 notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of

1 contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection
2 (b) of this section, and reserve that money for such purpose in fiscal year 2027.

3 Any residual balance shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

4 (b) In fiscal year 2027, any contingent reserve established per subsection
5 (a) of this section shall be unreserved and the following transactions shall be
6 executed in the following order. In the event that the contingent reserve is
7 insufficient to fully fund the following transactions, the Department of Finance
8 and Management shall execute the transactions to the greatest extent possible,
9 including partial funding:

10 (1) \$9,547,596.39 is transferred to the Technology Modernization
11 Special Fund (#21951).

12 (2) \$30,000,000 is reserved for future appropriation or transfer by the
13 General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls, Vermont Medicaid
14 and other human services needs, property tax relief, permanent housing
15 initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public.

16 Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL

17 INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME CAPITAL

18 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,454.70 is appropriated from the Capital
20 Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential

21 Investments for the following:

- 1 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:
- 2 (A) \$1,781,173.60 for statewide major maintenance;
- 3 (B) \$225,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;
- 4 (C) \$3,600,000 for Asa Bloomer roof replacement;
- 5 (D) \$900,000 for Rutland multimodal garage renovation;
- 6 (E) \$3,000,000 for Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs;
- 7 (F) \$1,050,000 for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC
- 8 upgrades at correctional facilities;
- 9 (G) \$225,000 for the Agency of Human Services for statewide
- 10 correctional facilities security upgrades;
- 11 (H) \$2,700,000 for the Agency of Human Services for St. Johnsbury,
- 12 Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC) door control system replacements;
- 13 (I) \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern
- 14 State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;
- 15 (J) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for Newport,
- 16 Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades;
- 17 (K) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for maintenance,
- 18 replacement, and renovations at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility
- 19 or other correctional facilities utilized in response to overcrowding for the
- 20 incarcerated women's population;

1 (L) \$772,557.10 for the Agency of Human Services for the
2 Department for Children and Families' youth short-term stabilization facility;

3 (M) \$500,000 for the Department of Public Safety for an Urban
4 Search and Rescue (USAR) facility; and

5 (N) \$1,600,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the White River
6 Junction courthouse.

7 (2) Department of Environmental Conservation:

8 (A) \$2,498,000 for the State match for federal Drinking Water State
9 Revolving Fund; and

10 (B) \$150,000 for Waterbury Dam Penstock project cost overruns.

11 (3) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

12 (A) \$400,000 for park infrastructure and rehabilitation, improvement,
13 and three-acre rule compliance.

14 (4) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

15 (A) \$200,000 for dam maintenance and safety planning.

16 (5) Judiciary:

17 (A) \$500,000 for the Essex County Courthouse connector project.

18 (6) Vermont Historical Society:

19 (A) \$566,724 for the replacement of a climate control unit.

20 (7) Department of Corrections:

1 (A) \$750,000 to work with the Agency of Digital Services to develop
2 a plan for providing network connectivity in State correctional facilities that
3 modernizes processes and reduces reliance on paper; improves staff efficiency
4 and addresses workforce challenges, such as staff retention; supports real-time
5 data-driven operations; lays the foundation for future capabilities, such as
6 wearable technology and mobile device-supported operations; and ensures
7 secure, compliance connectivity in key facilities, each as outlined in the
8 Business Transformation Project Recommendations Report issued by the
9 Agency.

10 Sec. B.1104 MEDICAID AND SNAP BENEFIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

11 (a) Notwithstanding 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(3), in
12 fiscal year 2027, \$3,500,000 of the amount reserved in the General Fund
13 pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(3) shall be
14 unreserved and an equal amount shall be appropriated to the Agency of Human
15 Services for a grant program for benefit assistance services provided by
16 community-based organizations throughout the State, including by the parent
17 child centers, community action agencies, recovery centers, Vermont 211, area
18 agencies on aging, and designated and specialized service agencies. In
19 developing this grant program, the Agency shall collaborate with Hunger Free
20 Vermont and the Office of the Health Care Advocate on program design and
21 the selection of the community-based organizations receiving grants. The

1 Agency shall provide an update on program design and grant recipient
2 selection at the Joint Fiscal Committee's July 2026 meeting. The Agency shall
3 distribute grants on or before September 1, 2026.

4 (b)(1) Funds appropriated in this section shall be used to issue new or
5 augment existing or planned grants to organizations to assist clients with
6 navigating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid
7 eligibility, application processes, and benefit maintenance, respectively,
8 through the use of benefit assisters. The Agency shall ensure that benefit
9 assisters at the grant recipient organizations are providing accurate
10 information. Vermont 211 shall conduct outreach to all organizations
11 receiving a grant pursuant to this section to ensure that appropriate referrals are
12 made and information about benefit assistance services is available to the
13 public.

14 (2) The Agency shall work with organizations receiving a grant pursuant
15 to this section to develop communications and outreach strategies to
16 proactively connect with households. Such strategies shall include plain
17 language mailings, phone and text message scripts, email scripts, and press
18 release communications. The Agency shall work with organizations receiving
19 a grant pursuant to this section to reduce the administrative burden on
20 applicants and participants by sharing information when permissible to verify
21 SNAP and Medicaid requirements.

1 (3) Beginning in September 2026 through June 2027, the organizations
2 receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall submit quarterly reports to the
3 House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services, the Senate
4 Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Agency regarding:

5 (A) the number of organization employees trained as benefit assisters
6 to assist with navigating SNAP or Medicaid requirements, respectively;

7 (B) the total number of eligible individuals who received assistance
8 from benefit assisters each quarter, including those receiving repeat application
9 assistance, repeat benefit maintenance assistance, and enrollment assistance;

10 (C) the number of individuals referred to other service providers or
11 enrolled in other State or federal benefit programs as a result of an interaction
12 with a benefit assister; and

13 (D) qualitative information regarding how outreach is conducted to
14 inform individuals that benefit assistance services are available.

15 (4) Beginning in September 2026 through June 2027, Vermont 211 shall
16 submit quarterly reports to the House Committees on Health Care and on
17 Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding
18 its outreach efforts and the number of referrals made to the organizations
19 receiving a grant pursuant to this section.

1 Sec. C.102 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103, as amended by 2026
2 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55, is further amended to read:

3 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

4 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
5 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
6 provided:

7 (1) General Fund.

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9 (D) The first ~~\$74,908,097~~ \$78,037,622 of any fiscal year-end balance
10 otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be
11 reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any
12 other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent
13 fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this
14 subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the
15 subsequent fiscal year.

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17 Sec. C.103 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 32 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 32. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; TRANSFORMATION

19 APPROPRIATION; TRANSITION GRANTS

1 (a) The sum of ~~\$2,865,000.00~~ \$3,647,000.00 is appropriated from the
2 General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support
3 education transformation work as follows:

4 (1) ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$982,000.00 for the purpose of awarding transition
5 grants to support school boards transitioning the work required to transition to
6 new governance and administrative models as contemplated in this act
7 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and in light of the continued analysis
8 of the work necessary in the field to transition to new, operational school
9 districts;

10 (2) \$562,500.00 for positions established in Sec. 33 of this act; and

11 (3) \$2,102,500.00 for contracted services, subject to the restrictions
12 contained in subsection (c) of this section, to support facilitate school districts
13 boards to study the advisability of forming union school districts, as well as to
14 support districts with administrative activities relating to consolidation,
15 including accounting, budget and operational practice, and to support
16 education quality activities including the alignment of curricula, instructional
17 materials, and teaching activities.

18 (b) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) of
19 this section to award transition facilitation grants to support the work required
20 to transition to new governance and administrative models.

1 (c) The appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be
2 subject to the following restrictions:

3 (1) While this appropriation may be used to contract for data analysis
4 necessary to support school districts with the administrative activities related to
5 consolidation, it shall also be used for developing data analysis tools to support
6 merger committees in consultation with the Department of Taxes.

7 (2) This appropriation shall be used to provide direct support to school
8 boards for the business processes that are required to be completed before new
9 school districts become operational. Support and training for school business
10 officials and other school district personnel shall be funded solely through the
11 appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the
12 corresponding grants created in subsection (b) of this section.

13 (3) This appropriation may be used to support the special education
14 strategic plan required pursuant to Sec. 30 of this act. It is the intent of the
15 General Assembly that the strategic plan addresses the supports and processes
16 needed to be in place for the transition to the weighted funding model for
17 special education as such funding model is contemplated in this act and as may
18 be further amended by an act of the General Assembly after consideration of
19 the report required pursuant to Sec. 45a of this act. Any work or analysis done
20 by the Agency regarding alternatives to the base amount or weights contained
21 in this act shall not be funded from this appropriation.

1 Sec. C.104 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.127.2 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.127.2 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF
3 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF
4 ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Unduplicated function total” means the individual function totals
7 set forth in this act excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental
8 Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the
9 determination of an unduplicated function total shall not include Education
10 Funds.

11 (2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function
12 areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.

13 (b) In fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, in each instance that a
14 reduction in federal revenues to the State results in a decrease of the
15 unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit by:

16 (1) Less than 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total or
17 \$2,000,000, whichever threshold amount is greater, the Secretary of
18 Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee and may prepare and
19 implement a spending authority reduction plan without the approval of the
20 Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations
21 and transfers of funds are not greater than the reduction in the federal revenues.

1 If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the
2 total amount appropriated in any section or subsection of any appropriations
3 act, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in
4 32 V.S.A. § 704(b)(2).

5 (2) Greater than \$2,000,000 and 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function
6 total for any governmental function unit, but less than 25 percent or
7 \$50,000,000, whichever threshold amount is lower:

8 (A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare a spending
9 authority reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the
10 Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to the same process established in 32 V.S.A.
11 § 704(e), notwithstanding the reference to subdivision (b)(1) of this section,
12 provided that the total reductions to federal spending authority are not greater
13 than the reductions in federal revenues; and

14 (B) to maintain a balanced State budget, to minimize the impact to
15 Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General
16 Assembly in this act or future fiscal year appropriations acts, or both, the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:

18 (i) utilize the appropriation in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act to
19 support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding
20 level until the General Assembly is in session;

21 (ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and

1 (iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary
2 to support the priorities of the General Assembly.

3 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the
4 purpose of calculating any appropriation reduction that triggers the actions set
5 forth in this section, the baseline federal funding amounts shall be the federal
6 funding set forth in ~~this act~~ the general appropriations act for the fiscal year in
7 which the reduction occurs. The Secretary of Administration shall monitor any
8 changes in federal funding as the difference between the baseline federal
9 funding amount ~~for use in fiscal year 2026~~ and any updated State federal funds
10 revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the
11 percent reduction of the unduplicated function totals for each governmental
12 function unit.

13 Sec. C.105 3 V.S.A. § 118 is amended to read:

14 § 118. COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUE

15 (a) There is hereby created a Secretary of State Services Fund. The Fund
16 shall be used to provide appropriations for the operations of the Office of the
17 Secretary of State, with the exception of those operations provided for in
18 chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title. The Fund shall be administered as a
19 special fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. ~~At the end of each~~
20 ~~fiscal year, the unobligated balance in this Fund shall be transferred to the~~
21 ~~General Fund.~~

1 (b) All revenues collected by the Secretary of State shall be deposited into
2 the Secretary of State Services Fund except for the following revenues:

3 (1) any revenues collected by the Office of Professional Regulation set
4 forth in chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title; and

5 (2) any revenues collected pursuant to subsection 117(k) of this title.

6 (c) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to collect and deposit
7 into the Secretary of State Services Fund revenues generated from optional
8 services offered in the normal course of business, including for one-time or
9 periodic sales of data by subscription or other contractual basis.

10 (d) The Secretary of State or designee shall report annually to the Joint
11 Fiscal Committee at its September meeting on the prior fiscal year Fund
12 balance at closeout. The report shall include projected revenues to and
13 expenditures from the Fund in future fiscal years.

14 Sec. C.106 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 79 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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

1 ~~15, 2026~~ within 10 business days after receiving official notice from HUD of
2 its federal fiscal year 2026 funding amount.

3 (e) ~~On or before May 1, 2026~~ Not more than 20 business days after official
4 notice from HUD of federal fiscal year 2026 funding amounts for housing
5 authorities in Vermont, the Department for Children and Families, in
6 consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development,
7 shall:

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

11 (2) establish guidelines to ensure that funds are distributed based upon
12 need.

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14 Sec. C.107 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1102(c) is amended to
15 read:

16 (c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is
17 appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB):

18 (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency
19 shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness or who need
20 supportive housing. The funds shall be used to expand Vermont's shelter
21 capacity, provide homes for those experiencing homelessness, create housing

1 for individuals eligible to receive Medicaid-funded developmental disabilities
2 services, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance Emergency Housing
3 hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall
4 consult with the Agency of Human Services to ensure new investments in
5 homes and shelters are paired with appropriate support services for residents,
6 including services supported through Medicaid. Funded projects may utilize a
7 range of housing options, including the expansion of shelter capacity, the
8 conversion of hotels to housing, the creation of permanent supportive housing,
9 and the utilization of manufactured homes on infill sites.

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11 Sec. C.108 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. C.110, as amended by 2025
12 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. C.105, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

14 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

15 (a) The Secretary of Administration may reimburse up to \$14,300,000 of
16 prior fiscal year federal funds expended through the Emergency Rental
17 Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to
18 Grant Request #3034 with new General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential
19 Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and
20 Essential Investments appropriations transferred from existing State programs
21 that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury. These

1 programs shall receive an amount of spending authority from the Emergency
2 Rental Assistance Program 2 Fund equal to the amount of General Fund or
3 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the
4 Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments appropriation transferred.

5 (b) To the extent that qualifying General Fund or Other Infrastructure,
6 Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital
7 and Essential Investments expenditures already incurred are transferred onto
8 the spending authority established in subsection (a) of this section, the
9 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
10 § 706, transfer an equivalent amount of General Fund or Other Infrastructure,
11 Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital
12 and Essential Investments spending authority to support programs established
13 through Grant Request #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance
14 Program grant approvals by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

15 Sec. C.109 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2026

16 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 51, is further amended to read:

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

18 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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1	Sec. B.347 Total human services		
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	1,461,126,849	1,460,476,849
4	Special funds	232,655,939	232,655,939
5	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
6	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
7	Federal funds	1,993,089,108	1,993,089,108
8	Global Commitment fund	2,213,122,801	2,213,122,801
9	Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
10	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
11	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
12	Total	5,987,280,620	5,986,630,620

13 Sec. C.113 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by
14 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No.
15 87, Sec. 49, is further amended to read:

16 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND
17 APPROPRIATIONS

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19 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
20 of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are subject to the
21 following conditions:

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(3)(A) \$2,490,000 shall be immediately available to the Department of Public Safety for a grant to create and implement the Regional Communications System Upgrade Project to enable the Capital Fire simulcast dispatch cell as shown in the Vermont Public Safety Communications System Design Concept and Recommendations report of January 2026.

(B) The grant shall only be issued to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and as the fiscal agent for the Capital Fire simulcast dispatch cell if, in the determination of the Department of Public Safety and the Public Safety Communications Task Force, the pilot project shall position the State positively for implementing a statewide simulcast emergency communications system and shall allow the State to prove that the desired vision is not only possible but also practical and serves to gain stakeholder buy-in when implementing change on a larger scale. The pilot project shall enable the standards authority to make iterative improvements and adjust option parameters based on lessons learned during the pilot project, increasing the odds for long-term success.

(C) To obtain the grant funding described in this subdivision (3), the Planning Commission shall first submit a pilot project proposal on or before October 2, 2026, that includes, to the satisfaction of the Department and Task Force:

1 (i) full designs and engineering plans for an initial construction
2 date in 2027;

3 (ii) detailed descriptions of project phases, goals, and benchmarks,
4 and how these are met;

5 (iii) detailed descriptions of project budgeting, including
6 mechanisms for tracking of expenses, record maintenance, and auditing of
7 project finances, a cost quote from a qualified contractor as part of the budget,
8 and a showing of how the cost-sharing requirement described in subdivision
9 (D) of this subdivision (3) will be met; and

10 (iv) an explanation of how the pilot project aligns with and
11 furtheres the development of a statewide public safety communications system
12 as reported by the Public Safety Communications Task Force, as established
13 by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114.

14 (D) To obtain the grant funding described in this subdivision (3), the
15 Planning Commission shall first agree that it will be responsible for 30 percent
16 of the project costs and provide proper documentation that it is able to finance
17 its share of project costs, in its entirety, prior to commencing any phase of the
18 project or expending any grant funds awarded by the Department.

19 (E) \$50,000 shall be immediately available to the Department of
20 Public Safety to hire a technical consultant to evaluate the pilot project
21 proposal requirements described in subdivision (C) of this subdivision (3).

1 Sec. C.114 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 13, as amended by 2020 Acts
2 and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.8, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 2, and
3 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.136.1, is further amended to read:

4 Sec. 13. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FUNDING SOURCE

5 SURCHARGE; REPEAL

6 (a) Surcharge.

7 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth
8 the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services
9 Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, a surcharge ~~of up to~~
10 ~~2.3 percent, but~~ no greater than the cost of the activities of the State Ethics
11 Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act, on the per-position portion of the
12 charges authorized in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive
13 Branch agencies, departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed
14 entities solely with State funds.

15 (2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human
16 Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of
17 funding the activities of the State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this
18 act.

19 (b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2027.

20 Sec. C.115 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101(b), as amended by
21 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 53, is further amended to read:

1 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
2 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
3 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

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

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6 (C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):

7 ~~\$8,994,314~~ \$16,144,149.

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9 * * * Fiscal Year 2027 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

10 Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

14 (1) The sum of \$608,137 is allocated from the Current Use
15 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of
16 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),
17 amounts in excess of \$608,137 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
18 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred to the General
19 Fund.

20 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$37,653,750
21 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A.

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

3 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
4 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
5 affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of
6 \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation
7 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.
8 The fiscal year 2027 appropriation of \$37,653,750 to the Vermont Housing and
9 Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing
10 bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed
11 after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the
12 \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
13 Conservation Board shall be restored.

14 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of
15 \$10,179,975 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and
16 Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General
17 Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the \$10,179,975 shall be
18 allocated as follows:

19 (A) \$7,838,580 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in
20 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

1 (B) \$1,323,397 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner
2 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

3 (C) \$1,017,998 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont
4 Center for Geographic Information.

5 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

9 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):
10 \$73,797,962.

11 (B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital
12 and Essential Investments (#21952): \$17,016,160.

13 (C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):
14 \$4,650,000.

15 (D) Education Fund (#20205): \$100,908,097.

16 (E) Vermont State Police Radio Equipment and Firearm Replacement
17 Special Fund: \$500,000.

18 (F) Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund (#21926):
19 \$350,000.

20 (2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:

1 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

2 \$294,775.

3 (B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements

4 Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

5 (3) From the Education Fund (#20205) to the:

6 (A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

7 \$1,550,000.

8 (4) From the Clean Water Fund (#21932) to the:

9 (A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$11,897,381.

10 (B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938):

11 \$120,000.

12 (5) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal
13 Receipts (#22005) to the:

14 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$5,000,000.

15 (6) From the AG-Fees and Reimbursement-Court Order Special Fund

16 (#21638) to the:

17 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$2,000,000.

18 (B) Miscellaneous Fines & Penalties Fund (#21054): \$1,538,600.

19 (7) From the Insurance Reserve Fund (#21335) to the:

20 (A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$1,360,069, notwithstanding

21 32 V.S.A. § 135.

1 (8) From the State PACE Reserve Fund (#21943) to the:

2 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$60,806.73, notwithstanding 24 V.S.A.
3 § 3270.

4 (9) From the Technology Modernization Special Fund (#21951) to the:

5 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$9,547,596.39, notwithstanding 3
6 V.S.A. § 3306.

7 (b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations
8 provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
9 2027 budget and do not supersede the actual fiscal year-end transfer amounts.

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

11 (A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund
12 (#21075): \$42,837,511.

13 (B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund
14 (#21085): \$23,762,455.

15 (C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):
16 \$10,464,702.

17 (2) 8 V.S.A. § 6017(b). To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and
18 Supervision Fund (#21085) from the:

19 (A) General Fund (#10000): \$143,318.

20 (c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund
21 (#10000), shall not exceed the actual fiscal year-end profits earned by the

1 enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit. The
2 following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
3 2027 budget only.

4 (1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$6,700,000.

5 (2) From the Liquor Control Fund (#50300): \$20,871,297.

6 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

7 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
8 2027, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
9 accounts indicated:

10	<u>1100892208</u>	<u>AOA-VT Housing Finance Agency</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
11	<u>1100892310</u>	<u>AOA-FEMA COVID Match</u>	<u>890,937.34</u>
12	<u>1100892402</u>	<u>AOA-High-Risk FEMA Denial Resv</u>	<u>5,184,452.41</u>
13	<u>1100892401</u>	<u>AOA-ORE-Language Access Plan</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
14	<u>2200892301</u>	<u>AAFM-Ecosystems Services</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
15	<u>2200892307</u>	<u>AAFM-Conservation Districts</u>	<u>16,513.42</u>
16	<u>2200892408</u>	<u>AAFM-Dairy Risk Mgmt</u>	<u>35,496.73</u>
17	<u>2240892204</u>	<u>PSD-Affordable Comm Scale Ren</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
18	<u>2240892404</u>	<u>PSD-SHARE</u>	<u>195,000.00</u>
19	<u>3150892302</u>	<u>DMH-Howard Center</u>	<u>790.68</u>
20	<u>3400892204</u>	<u>AHSCO-Workforce Retention</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>
21	<u>3400892304</u>	<u>AHS-Nurse Preceptor Grants</u>	<u>189,984.00</u>

1	<u>3410892502</u>	<u>DVHA-Technical Analysis</u>	<u>21,601.25</u>
2	<u>3440891905</u>	<u>Child Dev Assoc Credential</u>	<u>29,752.09</u>
3	<u>3440892401</u>	<u>DCF-Reach Ahead 2 Year Pilot</u>	<u>498.63</u>
4	<u>3480892501</u>	<u>DOC-Data Contract</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>
5	<u>5100892308</u>	<u>AOE-Universal Income Dec.</u>	<u>99,990.00</u>
6	<u>6140892402</u>	<u>DEC-Emissions Repair Program</u>	<u>362,416.60</u>
7	<u>7110892406</u>	<u>HCD-Mobile Home Condemnation</u>	<u>831,043.50</u>
8	<u>7110892106</u>	<u>HCD - Tech Serv Local Gov</u>	<u>1,056.73</u>
9	<u>7110892306</u>	<u>HCD-Designated Area Report</u>	<u>5,342.36</u>
10	<u>7120892204</u>	<u>ACCD-Technology Related Grants</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>

11 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

12 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
13 2027, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
14 provided:

15 (1) General Fund.

16 (A) The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance
17 with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$6,550,000 is
18 expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2027.

19 (B) The \$30,000,000 General Fund reserved pursuant to 2025 Acts
20 and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(4) is unreserved.

1 (A) one Assistant Director of Court Diversion and Pretrial Services;

2 and

3 (B) one Home Improvement Specialist.

4 (2) Office of the Secretary of State:

5 (A) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.

6 (3) Department of Public Service:

7 (A) one Financial Director IV.

8 (d) The conversion of 26 limited service positions to permanent exempt

9 status is authorized in fiscal year 2027 as follows:

10 (1) Judiciary:

11 (A) one Database Administrator;

12 (B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;

13 (C) two Centralized Service Analysts;

14 (D) 10 Judicial Assistants; and

15 (E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.

16 Sec. E.100.1 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100.3 is amended to read:

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

18 STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

19 REPORTING

20 (a) In fiscal ~~year~~ years 2026 and 2027, the Secretary of Administration

21 shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the

1 request of the Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the
2 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

3 (1) Reports shall include information on:

4 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

5 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

6 (C) any remaining spending authority.

7 (b) In fiscal ~~year~~ years 2026, 2027, and 2028, the Secretary of
8 Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis,
9 and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of any spending authority
10 established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

11 (1) Reports shall include information on:

12 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

13 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

14 (C) any remaining spending authority.

15 (c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves
16 No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) ~~and (e)~~ that remains unexpended and unencumbered on
17 December 31, 2027, shall revert to the General Fund. Any unallocated balance
18 resulting from this reversion shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance
19 Reserve.

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1 Sec. E.100.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON
2 STATUS OF FEDERAL FUNDS

3 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee at its July, September, and November 2026 meetings, and at other
5 meetings as requested, on any reductions to federal revenues to the State and
6 the status of any appropriations impacted by such reductions.

7 Sec. E.100.3 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 5 is amended to
8 read:

9 Sec. 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY; RACIAL
10 EQUITY ADVISORY PANEL; FUNDING SOURCE;
11 SURCHARGE; REPEAL

12 (a) Surcharge.

13 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth
14 the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services
15 Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2019, a surcharge ~~of up to 1.65 percent,~~
16 ~~and in fiscal year 2020 and thereafter, a surcharge of up to 3.3 percent, but not~~
17 ~~greater than the cost of both the Racial Equity Advisory Panel and the ~~position~~~~
18 ~~of Executive Director~~ activities of the Office of Racial Equity set forth in Sec.
19 3 of this act, on the ~~perposition~~ per-position portion of the charges authorized
20 in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive Branch agencies,

1 departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed entities solely with
2 State funds.

3 (2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human
4 Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of
5 funding the Racial Equity Advisory Panel and the position of the Executive
6 Director of Racial Equity set forth in Sec. 3 of this act.

7 (b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~June 30, 2024~~ July 1, 2027.

8 Sec. E.105.1 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; INFORMATION

9 TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND; DEFICIT

10 MITIGATION PLAN

11 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Digital Services shall, in
12 consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a
13 written plan to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and
14 Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
15 Institutions on how to reduce the fund deficit in the Information Technology
16 Internal Service Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 3304, including any
17 recommended changes to Fund sources, uses, and transfers. The report shall
18 include information on revenues to and expenditures from the Fund and the
19 Fund's balance at the fiscal year closeout for the previous 10 fiscal years. The
20 report shall also include the most current available information Fund sources,
21 uses, transfers, and the estimated Fund balance at the fiscal year 2027 closeout.

1 (b) On or before February 15, 2027, the Agency of Digital Services shall,
2 in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a
3 report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and Digital
4 Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
5 Institutions on the approach and assumptions used for estimating sources and
6 uses for the Core Enterprise Services Fund (#58100), Enterprise Offerings
7 Fund (#58110), Professional Services Fund (#58120), and Customized
8 Services Fund (#58130) for the purposes of building the fiscal year 2027
9 budget. The report shall include information on the Agency’s adaptation to
10 and compliance with new procedures on the part of various State agencies and
11 departments and any managerial or organizational advantages to the fiscal year
12 2027 budgeting approach.

13 (c) On or before February 15, 2027, the Department of Finance and
14 Management shall provide a report to the House Committees on
15 Appropriations and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate
16 Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions on the establishment and
17 consistent use of the State’s Chart of Accounts to uniformly track expenditures
18 associated with major IT projects by agency and department. It is the intent of
19 the General Assembly that project-level tracking include contracts with IT
20 implementation vendors, business process contracts that support project
21 delivery, and internal staffing and operating costs.

1 Sec. E.106 32 V.S.A. § 307(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) The budget shall also include in detail definite recommendations of the
3 Governor relative to the amounts that should be appropriated to each of the
4 activities referred to under this section. It shall also include definite
5 recommendations of the Governor relative to the financing of the expenditures
6 recommended and the appropriate amounts to be raised from ordinary revenue,
7 direct taxes, bonds, or loans. The financing of the expenditures recommended,
8 as proposed by the Governor, shall not include the funds from the Budget
9 Stabilization Reserve as established in section 308 of this title. With the
10 budget, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly such messages,
11 statements, or supplemental data with reference to the same, as the Governor
12 may deem expedient; however, budget documentation shall include to the
13 extent possible the following:

14 * * *

15 (5) A document outlining reversions and approved carryforward by
16 appropriation for those funds subject to the Secretary of Administration's
17 carryforward authority or containing automatic carryforward provisions as
18 designated by the General Assembly.

19 Sec. E.108 STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY;

20 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT

1 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Human Resources
2 shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on
3 Appropriations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military
4 Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Government Operations with its findings
5 and any recommendations for legislative action on how and whether to amend
6 the statutes governing State employee compensation, including what State
7 employee salary information should be set forth in statute and the method of
8 determining appropriate pay increases for State employees. The report and
9 recommendations shall be based on the Department’s review and analysis of
10 the following:

11 (1) those exempt position titles that set forth the associated salary in
12 statute and the exempt position titles that do not set forth salary in statute;

13 (2) how the annual rate of adjustment is determined and applied for
14 exempt employee salaries and how it compares to the annual rate of adjustment
15 determination and application for classified employee salaries; and

16 (3) the salary advancement structure for exempt employees as compared
17 to the salary advancement structure for classified employees.

18 Sec. E.108.1 3 V.S.A. § 2283 is amended to read:

19 § 2283. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

20 * * *

1 (c)(1) There is established in the Department of Human Resources a
2 Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund to consist of revenues from
3 charges to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont State
4 government and to be available to fund the costs of the consolidated human
5 resource, Office of Racial Equity, and State Ethics Commission services in the
6 Department of Human Resources.

7 (2) The rate of the charges shall be proposed by the Commissioner of
8 Human Resources, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration.
9 Proposed rates of charges shall be based upon the cost of operations associated
10 with human resource, Office of Racial Equity, and State Ethics Commission
11 services provided to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont State
12 government.

13 Sec. E.111 DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; POSITION POOL;

14 FUNDING

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.111 of this act, \$135,000 General
16 Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Business Analyst position to be taken
17 from the position pool.

18 Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

19 (a) The Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Department of
20 Finance and Management, provide a report with a general overview of special

1 funds and their uses to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on
2 or before December 15, 2026.

3 (b) In addition to the report outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the
4 Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Office of Legislative Counsel
5 and the Department of Finance and Management, submit the following reports
6 to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations:

7 (1) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence
8 the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by
9 the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “general
10 government,” “labor,” “general education,” “commerce and community
11 development,” and “transportation.” The report shall be submitted on or
12 before December 15, 2026.

13 (2) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence
14 the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by
15 the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “human
16 services” and “natural resources.” The report shall be submitted on or before
17 December 15, 2027.

18 (3) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence
19 the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by
20 the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as

1 “protection to persons and property.” The report shall be submitted on or
2 before December 15, 2028.

3 (4) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence
4 the prior fiscal year that did not fall within any function areas of government
5 identified in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection or that would fall within
6 those function areas of government but were established after the relevant
7 report was submitted. The report shall be submitted on or before December
8 15, 2029.

9 (c) The reports required by subsection (b) of this section shall include, for
10 each special fund identified, the following information, if available:

11 (1) the authorizing statute for the fund, its date of enactment, and any
12 amendments to the statute;

13 (2) a description of sources, uses, transfers, and reservations, including
14 stated purposes of uses, transfers, and reservations;

15 (3) the prior fiscal year fund balance at closeout; and

16 (4) other relevant information on the general management and oversight
17 of the fund.

18 Sec. E.127.1 FISCAL YEAR 2027 FEE REPORT; HUMAN SERVICES;

19 NATURAL RESOURCES

20 (a) Fiscal year 2027 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and
21 offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.300–399 and B.700–799 of this

1 act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a comprehensive
2 fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2027. The fee report shall
3 contain the following information for each fee:

4 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;

5 (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set
6 or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;

7 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;

8 (4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five
9 fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2027;

10 (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal
11 years preceding fiscal year 2027;

12 (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2027 and 2028;

13 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
14 function performed by the agency, department, board, or office supported by
15 the fee;

16 (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the
17 fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation
18 with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the
19 percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee
20 was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2026;

1 (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the
2 percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents;

3 (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other
4 jurisdictions;

5 (11) any policies or trends that might affect the viability of the fee
6 amount; and

7 (12) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.

8 (b) Reports.

9 (1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the
10 agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this
11 section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested
12 in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2026, the agencies, departments,
13 boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
14 draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this
15 section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards,
16 and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before
17 submitting the report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

18 (2) On or before December 15, 2026, the agencies, departments, boards,
19 and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a final report
20 to the Joint Fiscal Office.

1 (3) On or before January 15, 2027, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a
2 consolidated report consisting of the final reports submitted pursuant to
3 subdivision (2) of this subsection to the House Committees on Appropriations
4 and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on
5 Finance.

6 (4) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided
7 for any reason, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in
8 subsection (a) of this section shall include in both the draft and final reports a
9 written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

10 (c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies,
11 departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue
12 classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System
13 as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and
14 penalties.”

15 (d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
16 § 605, in fiscal year 2027, the Governor shall not be required to submit the
17 consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General
18 Assembly.

19 Sec. E.131 HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND; USES;

20 REPORT

1 (a) In calendar year 2026, as part of the annual financial report on the
2 Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund required by 16 V.S.A.
3 § 2885(e), the Office of the State Treasurer shall, in consultation with the
4 Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council and the respective
5 student government associations of the University of Vermont, Community
6 College of Vermont, and Vermont State University, on each item listed below,
7 include recommendations on the following:

8 (1) any changes to Fund sources, uses, and transfers, including any
9 expanded uses of the Fund and adjustments to the current statutory allocation
10 structure;

11 (2) mechanisms, including requiring consultation with the Vermont
12 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council, for ensuring appropriate
13 fiduciary oversight of the use of the Fund to ensure that the endowed funds,
14 including principal and interest earnings, are available for the intended purpose
15 of providing scholarships to Vermont students;

16 (3) how to expand or modify the membership of the Council to include
17 student representatives of the recipient institutions of higher education; and

18 (4) how to expand the scope of scholarship awards, including award
19 amounts, types of degrees covered, and institutions of higher education
20 included in the scholarship program.

1 Sec. E.131.1 STATE PACE RESERVE FUND; REPEAL

2 (a) 24 V.S.A. § 3270 (State PACE Reserve Fund) is repealed and any
3 balance remaining shall be transferred to the General Fund.

4 Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
5 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
6 OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

7 (a) Of the \$3,768,126 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,526,938
8 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating
9 budget, and \$1,241,188 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
10 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State
11 Employees' Retirement System.

12 Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
13 SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
14 COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

15 (a) Of the \$2,207,869 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,765,361
16 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating
17 budget, and \$442,508 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension
18 Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
19 Employees' Retirement System.

20 Sec. E.135 3 V.S.A. § 922 is amended to read:

21 § 922. OFFICE SPACE; EMPLOYEES; MEDIATOR

1 (a) The Secretary of Administration shall, upon request by the State Labor
2 Relations Board, allow the Board the responsible use of public buildings under
3 ~~his or her~~ the Secretary's control and furnish heat, light, and furniture for any
4 meeting or hearing called by the Board.

5 (b) The Board may employ such employees and agents as it deems
6 necessary and may employ a reporter for taking and transcribing testimony in
7 hearing before it.

8 (c)(1) The Board may employ a mediator to provide free mediation services
9 to public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers upon
10 reaching an impasse during collective bargaining.

11 (2) If the mediator has capacity, the mediator may provide free
12 mediation services to public and private sector collective bargaining units and
13 employers on grievances and unfair labor practice charges.

14 (3) The Board shall develop policies and procedures to ensure that all
15 confidential mediation information is maintained separately and insulated from
16 access by members of the Board or other employees of the State Labor
17 Relations Board so as to protect the integrity of the mediation process.

18 Sec. E.136.1 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; REPORT

19 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the State Ethics Commission shall
20 report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military
21 Affairs, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, and the House and

1 Senate Committees on Appropriations on its organizational structure,
2 workload, and capacity.

3 (b) The report shall include information on the Commission's:

4 (1) current personnel and management structure with two full-time
5 equivalents; and

6 (2) recommendations for reducing or eliminating duties given to it
7 through prior legislative enactment to align its workload with its fiscal year
8 2027 personnel capacity.

9 Sec. E.136.2 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; POSITION FUNDING

10 (a) The \$150,000 General Fund and \$214,306 internal service fund
11 appropriated in Sec. B.136.1 of this act may be used by the State Ethics
12 Commission for personal services costs for up to two full-time equivalents to
13 fund positions established at the Commission, including the Executive Director
14 and the Staff Attorney established by Sec. E.100 of this act.

15 Sec. E.136.3 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171 (2024 Ethics Act), Sec. 24, as
16 amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 4, is further amended to
17 read:

18 Sec. 24. EFFECTIVE DATES

19 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

1 (1) Sec. 13 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1230, Commission procedure,
2 rulemaking) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2027~~ 2028, except that the Commission
3 may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. § 1230(b) prior to July 1, 2028;

4 (2) Sec. 22 (creating Municipal Code of Ethics) shall take effect on
5 January 1, 2025;

6 (3) Sec. 7 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1221(a), describing expansion of
7 Commission powers) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028;

8 (4) Sec. 8 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1222; title redesignation) shall take
9 effect on July 1, 2025;

10 (5) Sec. 9 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for
11 accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025;

12 (6) Secs. 10 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1227, Commission investigations),
13 11 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1228, Commission hearings), 12 (adding 3 V.S.A.
14 § 1229, Commission warnings, reprimands, recommended actions, and
15 agreements), and 14 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records
16 regarding complaints) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028; and

17 (7) Sec. 1 (amending 17 V.S.A. § 2414, candidate disclosures) shall take
18 effect on January 1, 2026.

19 Sec. E.136.4 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

20 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

21 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

1 (1) Sec. 1 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for
2 accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025, and
3 shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 9
4 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1223 and that conflict with the language in this act;

5 (2) Sec. 2 (amending future version of 3 V.S.A. § 1223) shall take effect
6 on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028; and

7 (3) Sec. 3 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records
8 regarding complaints) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028, and
9 shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 14
10 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1231 and that conflict with the language in this act.

11 Sec. E.138 RENTER REBATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASE INCREASE;

12 ONE-TIME

13 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the \$4,000,000 increase to
14 the appropriation in Sec. B.138 of this act be a one-time increase in fiscal year
15 2027 that shall not recur in future fiscal years.

16 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

17 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), of the appropriation in Sec.
18 B.139 of this act, \$70,000 shall be provided to the Department of Taxes'
19 Division of Property Valuation and Review and used with any remaining funds
20 from the amount previously transferred for final payment of expenses incurred
21 by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the

1 reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other expenses incurred to
2 undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

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

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

7 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

8 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under
9 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in
10 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for correctional facilities
11 elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid
12 from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

13 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL

14 FACILITIES

15 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the
16 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

17 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney
19 General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,
20 subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from
21 Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of

1 restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries
2 retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit
3 activities.

4 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.
5 § 2458(b)(4), \$2,263,600 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

6 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

7 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a
8 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to
9 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the
10 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

11 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

12 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$35,000
13 shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue
14 Team, which is composed of the State Police, the Department of Fish and
15 Wildlife, county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington,
16 Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

17 (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is
18 allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount,
19 \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town
20 task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to
21 enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18

1 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any
2 unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of
3 the Drug Task Force or carried forward.

4 (c) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$2,100,000
5 is allocated exclusively for the purchase, outfitting, assignment, and disposal of
6 State Police vehicles.

7 Sec. E.209.1 20 V.S.A. § 1913a is added to read:

8 § 1913a. VERMONT STATE POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND
9 FIREARM REPLACEMENT SPECIAL FUND

10 (a) Creation. There is created the Vermont State Police Radio Equipment
11 and Firearm Replacement Special Fund, to be administered by the Department
12 of Public Safety in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. Monies
13 in the Fund shall be used for the purchase of Vermont State Police radio
14 equipment and firearms in accordance with the life cycle replacement schedule
15 as approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

16 (b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

17 (1) any amounts transferred to it by the General Assembly; and

18 (2) the proceeds from the sale of any existing radio equipment and
19 firearms.

20 (c) Fund balance. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall
21 remain in the Fund.

1 (d) Receipts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may
2 anticipate receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.

3 Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

4 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000
5 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the
6 purpose of designing dry hydrants.

7 Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

8 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.215 of this act, \$1,219,834
9 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the
10 Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A.
11 § 2857.

12 Sec. E.217 MILITARY; POSITION POOL; FEDERAL FUNDING

13 (a) Of the federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.217 of this act, \$442,247
14 shall be the 75 percent federal share for the following six classified limited
15 service positions to be taken from the position pool: four Military
16 Maintenance Specialists II; one Military Building Construction Specialist; and
17 one Military Storekeeper.

18 Sec. E.218 MILITARY; POSITION POOL; STATE FUNDING

19 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.218 of this act, \$147,411
20 shall be the 25 percent State share for the following six classified limited
21 service positions to be taken from the position pool: four Military

1 Maintenance Specialists II; one Military Building Construction Specialist; and
2 one Military Storekeeper.

3 Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

4 (a) Of the General Fund appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall
5 be used for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$2,000 shall be used
6 for the expenses of the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be
7 used for the Veterans Day parade; \$10,000 shall be granted to the American
8 Legion for the Green Mountain Boys' State and Green Mountain Girls' State
9 programs; and \$10,000 shall be used for the USS Vermont Support Group.

10 Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK

11 BUDGET

12 (a) The Secretary of State shall grant the \$1,800,000 General Fund
13 appropriation provided in Sec. B.232 of this act to the Vermont Access
14 Network to maintain current operations and programming.

15 Sec. E.233 30 V.S.A. § 202d is amended to read:

16 § 202d. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN

17 * * *

18 (f) The Department shall adopt a new Plan every ~~three~~ five years pursuant
19 to the procedures established in subsection (e) of this section. The Plan shall
20 outline significant deviations from the prior Plan. For good cause or upon
21 request by a joint resolution passed by the General Assembly, an interim

1 review and revision of any section of the Plan may be made after conducting
2 public hearings on the interim revision. At least one hearing shall be held
3 jointly with committees of the General Assembly designated by the General
4 Assembly for this purpose.

5 Sec. E.233.1 30 V.S.A. § 209 is amended to read:

6 § 209. JURISDICTION; GENERAL SCOPE

7 * * *

8 (e) Thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funding.

9 (1) Each of the following shall be used to deliver thermal energy and
10 process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with this section for
11 unregulated fuels to Vermont consumers of such fuels. In addition, the
12 Commission may authorize an entity appointed to deliver such services under
13 subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section to use monies subject to this subsection
14 for the engineering, design, and construction of facilities for the conversion of
15 thermal energy customers using fossil fuels to district heat if the majority of
16 the district's energy is from biomass sources, the district's distribution system
17 is highly energy efficient, and such conversion is cost effective.

18 (A) Net revenues above costs associated with payments from the
19 New England Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) for capacity savings
20 resulting from the activities of the energy efficiency utility designated under
21 subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (e) ~~that are not transferred to the State~~

1 ~~PACE Reserve Fund under 24 V.S.A. § 3270(c)~~. These revenues shall be
2 deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund established by this section. In
3 delivering services with respect to heating systems using the revenues subject
4 to this subdivision (A), the entity shall give priority to incentives for the
5 installation of high efficiency biomass heating systems and shall have a goal of
6 offering an incentive that is equal to 25 percent of the installed cost of such a
7 system. Provision of an incentive under this subdivision (A) for a biomass
8 heating system shall not be contingent on the making of other energy
9 efficiency improvements at the property on which the system will be installed.

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11 Sec. E.234 REPORT ON REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET
12 CONDITIONS; PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

13 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Public Utility Commission shall
14 prepare a written report on projected regional renewable electric generation
15 market conditions. In developing the report, the Commission shall examine
16 the cost and availability of new regional renewable electric generation
17 resources during the years 2027–2035.

18 (b) In preparing the report, the Commission shall provide an opportunity
19 for written input from interested stakeholders, including retail electricity
20 providers, renewable energy developers, regional transmission organizations,
21 consumer advocates, and any other members of the public. In addition, the

1 Commission may consult with the Department of Public Service and other
2 relevant state, regional, or federal entities, as the Commission deems
3 appropriate. Preparation of the report is not subject to the contested case
4 procedures established under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

5 (c) The Commission shall submit the report to the House Committees on
6 Environment and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate
7 Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy.

8 Sec. E.236 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; POSITION POOL;

9 FUNDING

10 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.236 of this act, \$130,000 General
11 Fund shall be for a permanent, exempt Staff Attorney Investigator position to
12 be taken from the position pool.

13 Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

14 ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

15 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

16 (1) \$2,450,406 shall be for the contract with the Office of the Health
17 Care Advocate;

18 (2) \$1,717,994 shall be for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the
19 Poverty Law Project and mental health services; and

20 (3) \$650,000 shall be for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont
21 Legal Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services,

1 including eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer
2 debt.

3 Sec. E.300.1 HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

4 (a) At the August, October, and December 2026 meetings of the Joint
5 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Departments for Children and
6 Families and of Buildings and General Services shall report on their plan to
7 develop the Green Mountain Youth Facility.

8 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, before the
9 Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services
10 approve design documents for construction and prior to approval of the lease
11 for the facility, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall submit
12 their approved design to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions
13 and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on
14 Health and Welfare. At the same time, the Department for Children and
15 Families shall submit a draft operating budget.

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

17 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec.
18 B.301 of this act for payment required under the intergovernmental agreement
19 between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the
20 Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global

1 Commitment to Health Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and
2 Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

3 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a
4 total estimated sum of \$28,368,715 is anticipated to be certified as State
5 matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

6 (1) \$25,158,000 certified State match available from local education
7 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under
8 Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$34,842,000 of federal
9 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated
10 expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal
11 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
12 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
13 Fund to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in
14 33 V.S.A. § 1904a.

15 (2) \$3,210,715 certified State match available from local designated
16 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health
17 services provided under Global Commitment.

18 (c) Up to \$4,997,210 is transferred from the Agency of Human Services
19 Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund
20 consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 (Secretary's Office;
21 Global Commitment) of this act.

1 Sec. E.306.1 MEDICARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

2 (a) Effective July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access
3 shall terminate any contract for services for the Medicare Advocacy Program
4 under 33 V.S.A. chapter 67 consistent with the provisions of 33 V.S.A.
5 § 6703(b).

6 Sec. E.306.2 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;
7 POSITION POOL; FUNDING

8 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.306 of this act, \$497,077 of General
9 Fund and \$497,077 of federal funds shall be for the following permanent,
10 classified positions to be taken from the position pool: one Health Care
11 Assistant Administrator I; one Digital Communications Specialist II; one
12 Business Project Manager; four Vermont Healthcare Service Specialist I's; and
13 five Vermont Healthcare Service Specialist II's.

14 Sec. E.306.3 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;
15 PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS IN PRIMARY CARE PLUS
16 PROGRAM

17 (a) In order to preserve access to primary care services, the Department of
18 Vermont Health Access shall provide enhanced primary care rates and
19 enhanced encounter rates, as applicable, to primary care providers in fiscal
20 year 2027.

1 Sec. E.307 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

2 EDUCATION MEDICAID RECEIPTS

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 2959a to the contrary, the
4 payments ordinarily made by the Secretary of Education pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
5 § 2959a(c) and (d) shall instead be made by the Commissioner of Vermont
6 Health Access.

7 Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1900 is amended to read:

8 § 1900. DEFINITIONS

9 As used in this subchapter, unless otherwise indicated:

10 * * *

11 (12) “Supervisory union” has the same meaning as in 16 V.S.A. § 11
12 and includes a supervisory district.

13 Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1904 is added to read:

14 § 1904. MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM

15 (a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont
16 maximize its receipt of federal reimbursement for medically related services
17 provided to students who are eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social
18 Security Act.

19 (2) It is also the intent of the General Assembly that Vermont’s School-
20 Based Medical Assistance Program shall comply with all federal Medicaid
21 requirements. As the State Medicaid agency, the Agency of Human Services

1 shall have sole responsibility for determining and maintaining program
2 compliance.

3 (b) The Agency of Education shall be responsible for coordination of the
4 School-Based Medical Assistance Program with statewide education policy
5 and objectives and for communicating with supervisory unions.

6 (c) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules in accordance with
7 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to identify the services that are available through the
8 School-Based Medical Assistance Program and to set forth the requirements
9 for supervisory union participation. The rules shall include State and federal
10 requirements for:

11 (1) Medicaid reimbursement;

12 (2) participation in a Random Moment Time Study and an electronic
13 health records system;

14 (3) Medicaid cost reports;

15 (4) provider enrollment and trainings;

16 (5) service documentation;

17 (6) Medicaid eligibility; and

18 (7) any other provisions necessary for compliance with the Medicaid
19 program.

1 (d)(1) The Agency of Human Services shall support supervisory unions by
2 funding and providing the technical elements of the Program necessary for
3 federal compliance.

4 (2) Supervisory unions delivering medically related services pursuant to
5 the Medicaid School-Based Services Program shall participate in a Random
6 Moment Time Study and an electronic health records system as directed by the
7 Agency of Human Services to enable Medicaid billing of direct health services
8 and Medicaid administrative claiming activities.

9 Sec. E.307.3 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is added to read:

10 § 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND

11 (a) The School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund is established as a
12 special fund to receive federal reimbursements for medically related services
13 delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program described in
14 section 1904 of this chapter. Monies received by the State pursuant to this
15 section shall be transferred to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement
16 Fund, which shall be administered by the Agency of Human Services, and
17 Fund receipts shall be allocated in accordance with this section.

18 (b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall pay 55 percent of the
19 federal reimbursement monies generated by the medically related services
20 delivered in each supervisory union pursuant to the Medicaid school-based
21 services program to the supervisory union based on the Medicaid cost reports,

1 service claims, and Medicaid administrative costs submitted by the supervisory
2 union.

3 (c)(1) Up to 25 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by
4 services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program
5 shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and
6 of Human Services related to the collection, operations, and reporting of
7 school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.

8 (2) The Agencies shall enter into a memorandum of understanding
9 setting forth the processes by which Medicaid reimbursement monies available
10 for administrative costs and statewide programs are allocated to the Agencies.

11 (3) The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services shall expend
12 monies from the Fund only as appropriated by the General Assembly. The
13 provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 511 shall not apply to this Fund.

14 (d) At the close of each fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and
15 Management shall transfer to and deposit any unencumbered available cash
16 balance remaining in the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund net of
17 accounts payable into the Education Fund.

18 Sec. E.307.4 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is amended to read:

19 § 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND

20 * * *

1 (c)(1) Up to ~~25~~ 20 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated
2 by services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program
3 shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and
4 of Human Services related to the collection, operations, and reporting of
5 school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.

6 * * *

7 Sec. E.307.5 16 V.S.A. § 2959a is amended to read:

8 § 2959a. ~~EDUCATION MEDICAID RECEIPTS~~ MEDICAID SCHOOL-
9 BASED SERVICES PROGRAM; SUPERVISORY UNIONS AND
10 SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

11 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont ~~shall~~
12 maximize its receipt of federal ~~Medicaid dollars available for~~ reimbursement
13 ~~of~~ for medically related services provided to students who are ~~Medicaid~~
14 eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act. It is further the
15 intent of the General Assembly that:

16 (1) each supervisory union identify special education and other students
17 eligible for Medicaid reimbursement and, to the extent possible, submit
18 ~~Medicaid bills for services reimbursement~~ Medicaid-compliant cost reports
19 and service claims; and

1 (2) the Agencies of Education and of Human Services work with local
2 school districts to maximize reimbursements, including services to non-IEP
3 students.

4 ~~(b) A Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund is established within the~~
5 ~~Agency of Education. Funds received by the State under this section shall be~~
6 ~~transferred to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund. The Fund receipts~~
7 ~~shall be allocated in accordance with this section.~~

8 ~~(c) At least annually, the Secretary of Education shall pay to each~~
9 ~~supervisory union submitting Medicaid bills under this section 50 percent of~~
10 ~~the reimbursed funds generated by the supervisory union's bill, excluding~~
11 ~~claims generated by State placed students. Unless the supervisory union has~~
12 ~~agreed to use the funds to operate a supervisory unionwide program or to~~
13 ~~distribute the funds in a different manner, upon receipt, the supervisory union~~
14 ~~shall distribute the funds to its member school districts based on how the funds~~
15 ~~were generated. The Secretary may withhold payment due a supervisory union~~
16 ~~pursuant to section 2950 of this title for a Medicaid eligible State placed~~
17 ~~student if the supervisory union has not submitted a Medicaid claim for~~
18 ~~reimbursable services for that student.~~

19 ~~(d) If the amount of Medicaid reimbursement funds received for services~~
20 ~~provided in the prior State fiscal year exceeds \$25,000,000.00, in addition to~~
21 ~~the 50 percent of the funds paid to supervisory unions submitting Medicaid~~

1 bills, 25 percent of the amounts in excess of the \$25,000,000.00 shall be paid
2 into an incentive fund created in the Agency of Education. These funds shall
3 be used for an incentive payment to supervisory unions with student
4 participation rates of over 80 percent in accordance with a formula to be
5 developed by the Agency, in consultation with the Vermont Superintendents
6 Association. For any incentive payments made subsequent to fiscal year 2007,
7 the \$25,000,000.00 threshold of this subsection shall be increased by the
8 percentage increase of the most recent New England Economic Project
9 Cumulative Price Index, as of November 15, for state and local government
10 purchases of goods and services from fiscal year 2005 through the fiscal year
11 for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one
12 percent.

13 (e) Supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section to pay
14 for reasonable costs of administering the Medicaid claims process, and school
15 districts or supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section for
16 prevention and intervention programs in prekindergarten through grade 12.
17 The programs shall be designed to facilitate early identification of and
18 intervention with children with disabilities and to ensure all students achieve
19 rigorous and challenging standards approved and adopted by the State Board or
20 locally adopted standards. A supervisory union shall provide annual written
21 justification to the Secretary of Education on how it or its member districts

1 ~~used the funds. Such annual submission shall show how the funds' use is~~
2 ~~expressly linked to those provisions of the supervisory union's action plan that~~
3 ~~directly relate to improving student performance. A supervisory union shall~~
4 ~~include in its annual report the amount of the prior year's Medicaid~~
5 ~~reimbursement revenues and the use of Medicaid funds consistent with the~~
6 ~~purposes set forth in this subsection.~~

7 ~~(f) Up to 30 percent of Medicaid reimbursements received under this~~
8 ~~section shall be available for administrative costs of the Agencies of Education~~
9 ~~and of Human Services related to the collection, processing, and reporting of~~
10 ~~education Medicaid reimbursements and statewide programs. The Secretaries~~
11 ~~of Education and of Human Services shall expend monies from the Fund only~~
12 ~~as appropriated by the General Assembly.~~

13 ~~(g) Remaining reimbursed funds shall be deposited into the Education~~
14 ~~Fund.~~

15 Sec. E.307.6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION
16 OF CHANGES TO MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES
17 PROGRAM

18 (a) The Agency of Human Services shall collaborate with the Agency of
19 Education, Vermont Association of School Business Officials, Vermont
20 Council of Special Education Administrators, and school district officials in

1 implementing changes to the Medicaid school-based services program in
2 accordance with this act, including:

3 (1) providing structured opportunities for input during the phased
4 implementation process in order to address challenges and risks in a timely
5 manner and minimize disruptions; and

6 (2) focusing on geographic diversity to ensure that the implementation
7 process is responsive to regional variations in needs and capacity.

8 Sec. E.307.7 SPECIAL FUND BALANCE TRANSFER

9 (a) Any outstanding fund balances, assets, or liabilities remaining in the
10 Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
11 § 2959a shall be transferred to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement
12 Fund established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1904a prior to the elimination of the
13 Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund by Sec. E.307.5 of this act.

14 Sec. E.307.8 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS; FAMILY
15 PLANNING CODE IMPLEMENTATION; REPORT

16 (a) On or before September 15, 2026, the Department of Vermont Health
17 Access shall review its implementation of family planning codes in the
18 Medicaid program to ensure that all expenditures for family planning services
19 and supplies that are eligible for federal match at a 90 percent federal medical
20 assistance percentage are receiving that enhanced rate.

1 (b) On or before October 1, 2026, the Department shall provide a progress
2 report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal
3 Committee on:

4 (1) the Department's findings to date from its review;

5 (2) an estimate of any reductions in General Fund expenditures that can
6 be realized by maximizing usage of the family planning codes to obtain the
7 90 percent federal match for qualifying services and supplies; and

8 (3) proposals for ways in which the estimated savings can be reinvested
9 into rate increases for family planning services and supplies as part of the fiscal
10 year 2027 budget adjustment.

11 Sec. E.311 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 155, Sec. 7a, as amended by 2021

12 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec E.311.2, is further amended to read:

13 Sec. 7a. **SUNSET**

14 ~~18 V.S.A. § 33 (medical students; primary care) is repealed on July 1, 2027.~~

15 [Deleted.]

16 Sec. E.312 **HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH**

17 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

18 (1) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided in this section, the Department of
19 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
20 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
21 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health

1 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
2 Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The
3 funds shall be allocated according to a request for proposal process.

4 (2) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided by this section, the Department
5 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$340,000 from the General
6 Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:

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

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

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

10 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
11 Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal
12 guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services
13 funded solely by the General Fund.

14 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
15 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the
16 Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The
17 Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to
18 develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program
19 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

20 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
21 shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program

1 Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of
2 members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the Program's
3 eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall
4 make recommendations regarding the Program's formulary of approved
5 medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility
6 for the Program.

7 (4) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
8 the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction
9 Services on or before September 1, 2026. The method by which these
10 prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of
11 the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and
12 other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

13 (5) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
14 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
15 service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels
16 below those in fiscal year 2026 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
17 Fiscal Committee.

18 Sec. E.313 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is amended to read:

19 § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

20 (a) The Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund is established and
21 managed by the Vermont Department of Health in accordance with 32 V.S.A.

1 chapter 7, subchapter 5 for the purpose of funding substance misuse prevention
2 programming, including school-based prevention programming.

3 (b) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax
4 imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902, not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal
5 year, shall be deposited into this fund ~~for substance misuse prevention costs.~~

6 * * *

7 Sec. E.313.1 REPORT; RECOVERY RESIDENCES AND RECOVERY
8 CENTERS; INFLATION

9 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of
10 Health shall present the following information to the House Committees on
11 Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on
12 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare:

13 (1) base appropriations to recovery residences and recovery centers
14 during the previous 10 fiscal years; and

15 (2) what each of those base appropriations would have been had each
16 kept up with inflation.

17 Sec. E.316 REPORT; REACH UP

18 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department for Children and
19 Families shall submit a written report to the House Committees on
20 Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on
21 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare evaluating the Reach Up Program,

1 including any inefficiencies or gaps in services; an actionable, phased plan that
2 estimates the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up
3 program; and any recommendations for legislative action.

4 Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 3702 is amended to read:

5 § 3702. FUNDING

6 (a) The Secretary of Human Services shall disperse a joint allocation for all
7 parent child center services to the Parent Child Center Network, which shall
8 distribute funding to each authorized parent child center.

9 (b) The Agency shall consult with the Parent Child Center Network to
10 develop appropriate measures and methods of accountability for authorized
11 members of the Network. The Network and authorized parent child centers
12 shall provide any previously agreed upon information to enable the Secretary
13 to evaluate the services provided through grant funds, the effect of services on
14 consumers, and an accounting of the expenditure of grant funds.

15 (c) Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Agency shall inform the
16 House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate
17 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare of the cost of
18 adding a one percent base increase over the previous fiscal year's base
19 appropriation for the Parent Child Center Network.

1 Sec. E.316.2 REPORT; PARENT CHILD CENTERS; INFLATION

2 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department for
3 Children and Families shall present the following information to the House
4 Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate
5 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare:

6 (1) base appropriations to the Parent Child Center Network during the
7 previous 10 fiscal years; and

8 (2) what each of those base appropriations would have been had each
9 kept up with inflation.

10 Sec. E.316.3 SNAP AND MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS; REPORTING

11 (a) In fiscal year 2027, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the
12 Joint Fiscal Committee on the implementation of federal H.R.1 SNAP work
13 requirements and, to the extent applicable, Medicaid work requirements.

14 (1) On or before September 15, 2026, with regard to SNAP benefits, the
15 Agency shall submit a report that includes to the extent practicable:

16 (A) the number of individuals who have become ineligible for
17 benefits or experienced a loss or reduction in benefits due to federal changes to
18 work requirements, including specifically by adults between 55 and 64 years of
19 age, individuals experiencing homelessness, and adults with a child between
20 14 and 18 years of age;

1 (B) the number of individuals who lost benefits due to federal
2 changes to work requirements and immediately reapplied for benefits and any
3 related administrative costs;

4 (C) the estimated total amount of benefit loss to individuals due to
5 federal changes to work requirements;

6 (D) the reasons individuals are determined ineligible for benefits;

7 (E) the Agency's use of discretionary exemptions, including those
8 expiring in September 2026, and the remaining balance to offset benefit loss
9 and reductions;

10 (F) the number of individuals who received assistance from the
11 Agency due to federal changes to work requirements, including the number of
12 individuals who did not lose or experience a reduction in benefits after
13 receiving assistance from the Agency;

14 (G) payment error rate percentages for the current federal fiscal year,
15 including an analysis on Agency and client errors; and

16 (H) any other pertinent information.

17 (2) On or before March 1, 2027, with regard to Medicaid, the Agency
18 shall submit a report that includes to the extent practicable:

19 (A) the number of individuals who are subject to work requirements
20 due to federal changes;

1 (B) the number of individuals each month who were required to re-
2 enroll from January through June of 2026;

3 (C) the number of individuals each month who will be required to re-
4 enroll from January through June of 2027;

5 (D) an outline of the Agency’s plan for automating data-matching for
6 eligibly redeterminations and assessing compliance with work requirements;
7 and

8 (E) a summary of the two-year plan to recertify Vermont Medicaid
9 providers, including a list and timeline for providers requiring recertification
10 and any changes in Vermont Medicaid.

11 (3) Both reports shall also include:

12 (A) information regarding outreach, stakeholder coordination, and
13 other efforts undertaken to support impacted households and community
14 partners in assisting households to obtain and maintain benefits, including the
15 provision of sample notices, automated calls, text scripts, and other
16 communications with individuals; and

17 (B) the number of applications supported by outreach partners,
18 benefit assisters, or other community service providers.

19 (4) In calendar years 2027 and 2028, the Agency shall, on a quarterly
20 basis, provide an update to the reports required by this subsection to the House
21 Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and

1 the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare while the
2 General Assembly is in session and to the Joint Fiscal Committee while the
3 General Assembly is not in session.

4 Sec. E.316.4 33 V.S.A. § 1703 is amended to read:

5 § 1703. CHANGES TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

6 (a)(1) The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee
7 on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare ~~and,~~
8 community partners under contract with the Department to provide outreach
9 services, federally authorized retailers operating in Vermont, any other
10 interested stakeholders, and, if the General Assembly is adjourned, the Joint
11 Fiscal Committee, within 30 days after any substantive change in the federal
12 law governing SNAP that:

13 (A)(1) restricts or improves eligibility;

14 (B)(2) increases or reduces barriers or creates or eliminates hardships
15 to access; or

16 (3) identifies anticipated impacts on the administrative burden or costs
17 to the Department, community partners under contract with the Department to
18 provide outreach services, or federally authorized retailers operating in
19 Vermont; or

20 (C)(4) inhibits or increases benefit usage.

1 ~~(2)(b) Within~~ Not less than 90 days after prior to the implementation of
2 a substantive voluntary change described pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
3 subsection to Vermont's SNAP program, the Department shall ~~provide an~~
4 ~~analysis to the Chairs of any anticipated administrative costs to the Department~~
5 ~~and any impacts on SNAP applicants and participants as a result of the~~
6 ~~change.;~~

7 (1) convene a meeting with community partners under contract with the
8 Department to provide outreach services, federally authorized retailers
9 operating in Vermont, and any other interested stakeholders to describe the
10 proposed change to Vermont's SNAP program, including the anticipated
11 impact on eligibility, benefit level, administrative burden or costs, and any
12 other relevant impact of the proposed change; and

13 (2) consult with and consider input from community partners under
14 contract with the Department to provide outreach services, federally authorized
15 retailers operating in Vermont, and any other interested stakeholders on the
16 impacts of the Department's voluntary change to Vermont's SNAP program.

17 ~~(b) The Commissioner may convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to~~
18 ~~discuss a change listed in subsection (a) of this section.~~

19 Sec. E.316.5 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

20 ADMINISTRATION; VERMONT HOMELESSNESS

21 RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE FUNDING

1 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.316 of this act, \$1,100,000
2 shall be for staffing, grants, and contracts relating to the implementation of the
3 Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

4 (b) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in
5 subsection (a) of this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year
6 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally
7 designated.

8 Sec. E.317 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS

9 (a)(1) \$137,500 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act,
10 the \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(c)(5) of this act, and
11 \$100,000 of the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act shall be
12 granted by the Department for Children and Families to supervised visitation
13 programs as follows:

14 (A) \$367,500 to the six existing community-based supervised
15 visitation sites.

16 (2) The Department shall work with the Vermont Network Against
17 Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to develop a funding formula for
18 supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop two
19 new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin planning
20 for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each to
21 become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

1 Sec. E.318 CHILD CARE; TUITION RATES

2 (a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. § 3517, in fiscal year 2027, the
3 Commissioner for Children and Families may authorize a nonprofit child care
4 provider that did not rebase tuition rates pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves
5 No. 76 to increase annual tuition in excess of 1.5 times the most recent annual
6 increase in NAICS Code 611, Educational Services, upon a finding of financial
7 hardship. Prior to authorization, the Commissioner shall determine that the
8 child care provider has experienced a loss of revenue and is reasonably likely
9 to continue to experience a loss of revenue absent the requested tuition
10 increase. The child care provider shall furnish any information requested by
11 the Commissioner in support of such a determination.

12 Sec. E.321 END HOMELESSNESS VERMONT; GRANT;

13 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE CONTINUUM

14 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

15 (1) Vermont ranks fourth per capita in the United States for
16 homelessness;

17 (2) Vermont's unhoused population has risen dramatically since the
18 COVID-19 pandemic;

19 (3) Vermont's shelter, housing, and supportive services capacity is
20 insufficient to meet the needs of its unhoused population;

1 (4) repeated changes in program scope and eligibility requirements for
2 programs, including emergency housing provided through General Assistance
3 program, have made it difficult for Vermonters seeking housing assistance to
4 access and maintain support;

5 (5) the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum may not be fully
6 implemented in fiscal year 2027; and

7 (6) End Homelessness Vermont has provided essential services to
8 unhoused Vermonters, including service navigation and coordination from
9 crisis through housing stability, technical assistance, and concrete supports.

10 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the grant to End
11 Homelessness Vermont in Sec. B.1100(c)(4) of this act support its continued
12 statewide work of providing essential services to individuals living with
13 complex needs and disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or housing
14 insecurity.

15 Sec. E.321.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

16 GENERAL ASSISTANCE; VERMONT HOMELESSNESS

17 RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE FUNDING

18 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.321 of this act, \$9,251,120
19 shall be for emergency housing in hotels and motels relating to the
20 implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

1 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act,
2 \$38,251,696 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office
3 of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist
4 individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services,
5 increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds
6 may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions
7 Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in
8 consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
9 Development-recognized Continuum of Care programs.

10 Sec. E.325.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE
11 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; VERMONT
12 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE
13 FUNDING

14 (a) Of the appropriations in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$38,251,696 General
15 Fund, \$830,422 federal funds, and \$202,488 Global Commitment shall be for
16 Housing Opportunity Grant Program operations, \$778,987 General Fund and
17 \$3,421,013 Global Commitment shall be for permanent supportive housing
18 and family supportive housing, \$500,000 General Fund shall be for the
19 Community Resource Center, \$2,400,000 General Fund shall be for case
20 management, \$3,000,000 General Fund shall be for rental assistance,
21 \$1,400,000 General Fund shall be for shelter development, and \$314,618

1 federal funds shall be for other expenses relating to the implementation of the
2 Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

3 (b) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in
4 subsection (a) of this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year
5 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally
6 designated.

7 (c) Any spending authority designated for the Housing Opportunity Grant
8 Program that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall be
9 carried forward for investment in the Vermont Homelessness Response
10 Continuum in fiscal year 2027.

11 Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
12 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION
13 ASSISTANCE

14 (a) Of the special fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is
15 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

16 Sec. E.329 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;
17 WORKING GROUP; ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; REPORT

18 (a) In fiscal year 2027, the Agency of Human Services, in collaboration
19 with Vermont Care Partners, shall convene a working group to support the
20 ongoing coordination and a shared understanding of the designated and
21 specialized service agency support system, including the system's functioning

1 and capacity. The Agency, Vermont Care Partners, and the working group
2 shall meet at least twice during fiscal year 2027. The Agency and Vermont
3 Care Partners shall jointly develop the agenda in advance of each meeting.

4 (1) The meetings may include a discussion of State and federal
5 requirements, system operations and service delivery, workforce and provider
6 capacity, fiscal pressures, administrative burden, the definition of essential
7 services, and the extent to which evolving community needs and system
8 reforms have affected the responsibilities and long-term sustainability of
9 designated and specialized service agencies.

10 (2) At the first meeting, the Agency and Vermont Care Partners shall
11 develop a transparent process to communicate about and implement changes
12 necessitated by State or federal requirements, including changes related to
13 funding, staffing, operational feasibility, and service delivery.

14 (3) The working group shall discuss alignment with the State's health
15 care delivery system planning efforts, including ongoing hospital and health
16 system transformation work.

17 (4) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Human Services, in
18 collaboration with Vermont Care Partners, shall provide an update to the
19 House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services
20 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare
21 regarding the activities of the working group.

1 (b) On or before January 15, 2028, the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
2 and Independent Living, in consultation with the Departments of Health and of
3 Mental Health and the Office of Health Care Reform, shall submit a plan to the
4 House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services
5 and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare
6 for developing and conducting a data-informed, patient-focused, community-
7 inclusive engagement process for Vermont's designated and specialized
8 service agencies that conforms with the Statewide Health Delivery Strategic
9 Plan developed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9403. Development of the plan shall
10 include participation by individuals who reflect Vermont's diversity with
11 regard to race, income, age, and disability status. Specifically, the plan shall
12 include:

13 (1) hearing from and sharing data, information, trends, and insights with
14 communities about the current and future states of the designated and
15 specialized service agencies;

16 (2) providing opportunities for meaningful participation in all stages of
17 the engagement process by current, former, and prospective clients of the
18 designated and specialized service agencies and health care providers,
19 including employees of designated and specialized service agencies;

20 (3) providing the data, information, and analysis necessary to support
21 the engagement process, including information and trends relating to the

1 current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies and
2 the workforce challenges encountered by the agencies; and

3 (4) establishing mechanisms to assess the impact of any changes on the
4 designated and specialized service agencies, including on workforce
5 recruitment and retention initiatives.

6 (c) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the
7 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living may include a
8 request for an appropriation to hire one or more consultants to support the
9 engagement process recommended pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

10 Sec. E.329.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET

11 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of
12 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report to the House
13 Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare,
14 and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on appropriations for
15 the Choices for Care Program in the prior five fiscal years, including detailed
16 information on expenditures for home- and community-based services and
17 skilled nursing facility services.

18 Sec. E.329.2 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING, AND

19 INDEPENDENT LIVING; POSITION POOL; FUNDING

1 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.329 of this act, \$130,000 General
2 Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Disabilities Housing Coordinator
3 position to be taken from the position pool.

4 Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

5 (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of
6 \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield
7 shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

8 Sec. E.500 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

9 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment and fiscal year 2028
10 budget presentations, the Agency of Education shall include:

11 (1) a comprehensive account of fiscal year 2027 appropriations,
12 including information on amounts expended or obligated at the time of the
13 presentation's submission;

14 (2) a comprehensive account of anticipated fiscal year 2027
15 carryforward, including information on the reasons for expenditures being
16 lower than anticipated;

17 (3) information on all third-party contract agreements the Agency
18 entered into in fiscal year 2027;

19 (4) organizational charts reflecting the current structure of the Agency
20 and each division within the Agency;

1 (5) written explanation of any changes to the Agency’s organizational
2 structure and personnel;

3 (6) a comprehensive account of any vacancies within the Agency,
4 including information on the duration of each position vacancy and any
5 recommendations for the elimination or redesignation of positions; and

6 (7) information on any changes to federal funding, rules, or policy that
7 may affect the Agency and any action the Agency has taken or may take to
8 address those changes.

9 Sec. E.500.1 EDUCATION; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

10 (a) The Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.500 of this act shall be
11 used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized
12 Education Programs. These services are intended to increase access to quality
13 health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid
14 beneficiaries.

15 Sec. E.500.2 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 33 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 33. EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION; POOL POSITIONS

17 The General Fund appropriation in Sec. 32 of this act shall fund five ~~limited~~
18 ~~service~~ permanent classified positions taken from the position pool. The pool
19 positions shall be used to establish the following ~~limited-service~~ permanent
20 classified positions at the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support
21 education transformation work:

- 1 (1) one Business Operations Support Specialist;
- 2 (2) one Data Integration Support Specialist;
- 3 (3) one Curriculum and Education Quality Standards Integration
4 Specialist;
- 5 (4) one Learning and Teaching Integration Specialist; and
- 6 (5) one School Facilities Field Support Specialist.

7 Sec. E.500.3 16 V.S.A. § 51 is amended to read:

8 § 51. UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

9 (a) The Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund is created, to be
10 managed by the Agency of Education. The cannabis sales tax revenue shall be
11 deposited into the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund. The Fund
12 shall be used as follows:

13 (1) To establish a grant program that supports the expansion of universal
14 afterschool and summer programs with a focus on underserved areas of the
15 State.

16 (2) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed delivery
17 system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be
18 public, private, or nonprofit organizations.

19 (A) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program
20 implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

1 (B) Funds may be used to directly target communities with low
2 existing capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

3 (C) The award of grants and any subsequent contract or written
4 agreement issued pursuant to the award of a grant shall require that a grantee
5 does not discriminate, and prohibits its employees, agents, subcontractors, and
6 other service providers from discriminating, on the basis of race, creed, color,
7 national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or
8 disability.

9 (D) The Agency may use up to ~~\$500,000.00~~ five percent of annually
10 forecasted revenues for administrative costs to allow for the support of the
11 grant program and technical assistance to communities. This could include
12 subcontracts to support the grant program.

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14 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION; FORMULA GRANTS

15 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
16 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to
17 exceed \$5,336,200 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year
18 2027 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds,
19 the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.
20 § 2969(c) and (d).

1 (b) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and
2 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to
3 exceed \$2,000,000 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year
4 2027 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2975. In distributing such funds, the
5 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.
6 § 2969(c) and (d).

7 Sec. E.503 EDUCATION; STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

8 (a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a
9 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education
10 costs.

11 Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

12 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$4,349,673 General Fund
13 shall be granted to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the Adult
14 Education and Secondary Credential Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

15 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

16 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of the Education Fund appropriation
17 in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, the amount of:

18 (1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding
19 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

20 (2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

21 (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

1 (4) \$4,200,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
2 § 947(b); and

3 (5) \$2,899,782 is available for the Adult Education and Secondary
4 Credential Program.

5 (b) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the
6 General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

7 Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4021 is added to read:

8 § 4021. ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING

9 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

10 (1) “Local adult education and literacy provider” has the same meaning
11 as in section 942 of this title.

12 (2) “Statewide AEL student count” means the average annual number of
13 students statewide who complete the diagnostic portions of the adult education
14 and secondary credential program over the previous two completed fiscal
15 years.

16 (3) “Statewide AEL student-hours” means the average annual number of
17 student-hours of instruction provided statewide for adult education and literacy
18 activities over the previous two completed fiscal years.

19 (b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall
20 appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an
21 amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount multiplied by the

1 statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall appropriate
2 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the funds
3 from the General Fund.

4 (c) Payment allocations.

5 (1) Beginning in fiscal year 2029, the Secretary shall determine
6 payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-
7 county basis according to this subdivision.

8 (A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.

9 (B) The Secretary shall then allocate the remaining funds among the
10 counties according to each county's share of the statewide AEL student count.

11 (2) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to each local adult education and
12 literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult
13 education and secondary credential program the amount determined pursuant
14 to this section for each county in which the local adult education and literacy
15 provider provides the county's adult education and secondary credential
16 program.

17 (3) For each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall determine
18 payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-
19 county basis according to this subdivision.

20 (A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.

1 (B) The Secretary shall then allocate among the counties 85 percent
2 of the remaining funds according to each county's share of the statewide AEL
3 student count and 15 percent of the remaining funds according to each
4 county's share of the statewide AEL student-hours.

5 Sec. E.504.3 REPEAL

6 (a) 16 V.S.A. § 4021(c)(3) (adult education funding transition language) is
7 repealed on July 1, 2028.

8 Sec. E.504.4 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f) is amended to read:

9 ~~(f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy~~
10 ~~provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education~~
11 ~~and secondary credential program an amount equal to 26 percent of the base~~
12 ~~education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of~~
13 ~~the adult education and secondary credential program, based on an average of~~
14 ~~the previous two completed fiscal years. Forty percent of the payment required~~
15 ~~under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the~~
16 ~~Education Fund and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection~~
17 ~~shall be from State funds appropriated from the General Fund. [Repealed.]~~

18 Sec. E.504.5 16 V.S.A. § 4021(b) is amended to read:

19 (b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall
20 appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an
21 amount equal to 26 percent of the categorical base ~~education~~ amount

1 multiplied by the statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall
2 appropriate 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of
3 the funds from the General Fund.

4 Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS; CATEGORICAL AID

5 (a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.507.1 of this act shall be used to
6 provide categorical aid to school districts for English Learner services,
7 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4013.

8 Sec. E.511.1 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; POSITION POOL;

9 FUNDING

10 (a) Of the General Fund appropriated in Sec. B.511.1 of this act, \$130,000
11 shall be for a limited service exempt position to be taken from the position
12 pool.

13 Sec. E.514 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

14 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to
15 the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System shall be \$220,905,084, of
16 which \$212,905,084 shall be the State's contribution and \$8,000,000 shall be
17 contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16
18 V.S.A. § 1944c.

19 (b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution,
20 \$43,739,011 is the "normal contribution," and \$177,166,073 is the "accrued
21 liability contribution."

1 Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
2 AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
3 OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

4 (a) Of the \$4,178,569 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,879,269
5 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget,
6 and \$1,299,300 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment
7 Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement
8 System.

9 Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
10 BENEFITS

11 (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and 16 V.S.A.
12 § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and
13 Medical Benefits plan shall be \$99,834,595, of which \$90,834,595 shall be the
14 State's contribution and \$9,000,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher
15 health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944d. Of the
16 annual contribution, \$30,987,156 is the "normal contribution," and
17 \$68,847,439 is the "accrued liability contribution."

18 Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

19 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
20 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of
21 Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

1 (b) Of this appropriation, \$380,362 shall be transferred to the Experimental
2 Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to comply with State matching
3 fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private
4 funds, or both.

5 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

6 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to
7 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State
8 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

9 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont
10 Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund
11 requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or
12 both.

13 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; ALLIED HEALTH

14 (a) If Global Commitment Fund monies are unavailable, the total grant
15 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the
16 General Fund or other State funding sources.

17 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment
18 appropriation in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene,
19 respiratory therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315
20 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality

1 health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured
2 persons.

3 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

4 (a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
5 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:

6 (1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the trust fund established in 16
7 V.S.A. § 2845;

8 (2) not more than \$400,000 may be used by the Vermont Student
9 Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more
10 high schools; and

11 (3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont
12 Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183,
13 Sec. 14.

14 (b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
15 Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that remain after accounting for the
16 expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent
17 shall be used for direct student aid.

18 (c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this
19 section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student
20 Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or
21 previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or

1 provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or
2 department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be
3 used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of
4 administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its
5 reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall
6 not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal
7 funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be
8 consistent with federal grant requirements.

9 Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND

10 EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

11 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the \$41,225 Education Fund and
12 \$41,225 General Fund appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance
13 Corporation in Sec. B.605.1 of this act is for dual enrollment and need-based
14 stipend purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for
15 financially disadvantaged students enrolled in a dual enrollment course
16 pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to
17 be used for the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees.
18 The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for
19 program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come,
20 first-served basis until funds are depleted.

1 management to ensure that these natural resources and facilities remain viable
2 and available for this and all future generations.

3 (b) Definitions. As used in this section:

4 (1) ~~“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and~~
5 ~~Recreation or the Commissioner’s designee~~ “Secretary” means the Secretary of
6 Natural Resources or the Secretary’s designee.

7 (2) “Eligible activity” means any activity undertaken, initiated, or
8 supported by the ~~Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation~~ Agency of
9 Natural Resources, for State lands under the ownership of the Department of
10 Forests, Parks and Recreation, that provides for the management of State lands,
11 facilities, and recreational assets, including administrative support. “Eligible
12 activity” includes but is not limited to: repair and maintenance of State parks;
13 contract surveys and mapping; maintenance of State lands, including
14 boundaries, roads, trails, and facilities; contract inventories of State land
15 natural resources; repair of State-owned dams; ~~repair, replacement, and~~
16 ~~maintenance of conservation camps; and~~ timber management in accordance
17 with U.S.D.A. silvicultural guidelines; project management; contract
18 development and administration; and business office support. “Eligible
19 activity” does not include the acquisition of land.

20 (3) “Fund” means the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund.

21 (c) Creation and use of Fund.

1 (1) There is established in the State Treasury an income-producing fund
2 to be known as the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund, to be managed by the State
3 Treasurer, and from which expenditures shall be made by the ~~Commissioner~~
4 Secretary in accordance with appropriations by the General Assembly for the
5 benefit of lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the
6 Agency. Payments from the Fund may be made to meet costs for eligible
7 activities ~~that are not covered in operating budgets for management of Agency~~
8 ~~lands, facilities, and recreational assets.~~

9 (2) The Fund shall be administered as part of the trust investment
10 account established in 32 V.S.A. § 434. After the first three years of the
11 Fund's existence, on July 1 of each year, the Treasurer ~~shall~~ may distribute
12 from the Fund ~~five~~ up to eight percent of the moving average of the market
13 value of the Fund over the prior 12 quarters with the approval of the House and
14 Senate, provided that the Fund balance does not go below the prior fiscal
15 year's ending fund balance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the first
16 three years of the Fund's existence, expenditures for immediate needs, not to
17 exceed five percent of the principal, may be authorized by the ~~Commissioner~~
18 Secretary, provided that such expenditures are consistent with the priorities
19 established by the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary, pursuant to this section, and shall
20 be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

1 (3) ~~Annual expenditures from the Fund shall be limited to projects~~
2 ~~approved by the Commissioner and shall be in accordance with appropriations~~
3 ~~of the General Assembly. Project priorities shall be determined in accordance~~
4 ~~with criteria established by the Commissioner and shall include consideration~~
5 ~~of at least the following:~~ The Secretary may make expenditures from the Fund
6 for eligible projects with a consideration towards cost; availability of funds;
7 condition of the resource, facility, or infrastructure; level of use; level of public
8 need; the stated intent of the donor, when donated property is involved; and the
9 ability to protect or enhance a public investment or public resource.

10 (4) There shall be deposited in the Fund monies received by the Agency
11 that are related to management and administrative support of Agency lands,
12 facilities, and recreational assets and that are received from a variety of public
13 and private sources pertinent to the purposes of the Fund, including donations;
14 grants; special use permits; federal funds specifically designated for uses
15 compatible with the intent of the fund; timber sale receipts received after June
16 30, 2001, from State forestland and all Agency lands otherwise not restricted;
17 and such sums as may be ~~appropriated~~ transferred to the Fund by the General
18 Assembly. The Agency may solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent
19 with the stated intent of the donor and deposited with the State Treasurer.

20 Income earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund, and all balances

1 in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain
2 part of the Fund.

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4 Sec. E.700.1 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section C.110 is
5 amended to read:

6 Sec. C.110 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY
7 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VERMONT CLIMATE
8 ACTION COMMISSION

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10 (b) Recommendations of the Commission and actions taken on them
11 include:

12 * * *

13 ~~(5) Electrify the transportation system: The direction concerning the use~~
14 ~~of Environmental Mitigation Trust monies resulting from the Volkswagen~~
15 ~~litigation set forth in Sec. E.700 of this act is designed to increase~~
16 ~~electrification of transportation.~~

17 Sec. E.700.2 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section E.700 is
18 amended to read:

19 Sec. E.700 VOLKSWAGEN LITIGATION; ENVIRONMENTAL
20 MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES

21 (a) As used in this section:

1 (1) “Appendix D-2” means Appendix D-2 to the Environmental
2 Mitigation Trust, entitled “Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action
3 Expenditures.”

4 (2) “Environmental Mitigation Trust” or “Trust” means the
5 Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries filed on
6 October 2, 2017 in In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales
7 Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, 3:16-CV-00295-CRB, MDL No.
8 2672 CRB (JSC) (N.D. Cal.).

9 (3) “Mobile source” means any vehicle, freight switcher, ferry, tug,
10 vessel, or equipment that qualifies under an eligible mitigation action listed in
11 Appendix D-2.

12 (b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall administer Environmental
13 Mitigation Trust monies pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 554(15) ~~and, in administering~~
14 ~~the Trust monies appropriated under Sec. B.710 of this act, shall:~~

15 ~~(1) Dedicate at least 15 percent of those monies for the purchase of light~~
16 ~~duty electric supply equipment and associated allowable administrative costs in~~
17 ~~accordance with Appendix D-2.~~

18 ~~(2) Dedicate the remainder of the monies to the replacement of mobile~~
19 ~~sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric mobile sources or the~~
20 ~~repowering of mobile sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric~~

1 ~~engines, or both, and associated allowable administrative costs.~~ The
2 expenditures shall be in accordance with the requirements of Appendix D-2.

3 Sec. E.702 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; EQUIPMENT

4 REPLACEMENT FUNDING; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET

5 PRESENTATION

6 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of
7 Fish and Wildlife shall include information on the cost and schedule of radio
8 equipment and firearm life cycle replacement and any recommendations for
9 future funding, including the establishment of a designated special fund for
10 that purpose.

11 Sec. E.711 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; POSITION POOL;

12 FUNDING

13 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.711 of this act, \$300,000 General
14 Fund shall be for two permanent, classified Environmental Analysts to be
15 taken from the position pool to support the work required pursuant to 2024
16 Acts and Resolves No. 121.

17 Sec. E.801 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. F.8 is amended to read:

18 Sec. F.8 ~~RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM~~

19 ~~(a) Creation; purpose.~~

20 ~~(1) A Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the~~
21 ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding~~

1 ~~through local development corporations for business relocation and expansion~~
2 ~~efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for~~
3 ~~industrial use.~~

4 ~~(2)(A) To the extent funding is appropriated, the Agency shall make~~
5 ~~grants through the Program to assist local development corporations with~~
6 ~~business relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.~~

7 ~~(B) The Agency shall ensure an accounting of the respective State~~
8 ~~and Grantee shares of investment in any property be maintained to refund to~~
9 ~~the State an appropriate share of any net proceeds resulting from future sale or~~
10 ~~transfer of such property acquired or improved through a grant awarded under~~
11 ~~this program.~~

12 ~~(b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall~~
13 ~~consider:~~

14 ~~(1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including~~
15 ~~nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;~~

16 ~~(2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site specific needs of~~
17 ~~businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;~~

18 ~~(3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a~~
19 ~~grant award; and~~

20 ~~(4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.~~

21 ~~(c) Eligible applicants; priority.~~

1 ~~(1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development~~
2 ~~corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this~~
3 ~~State.~~

4 ~~(2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may~~
5 ~~designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities~~
6 ~~that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.~~

7 ~~(d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:~~

8 ~~(1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;~~

9 ~~(2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing~~
10 ~~infrastructure for property the recipient owns;~~

11 ~~(3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the~~
12 ~~Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,~~
13 ~~subchapter 3; or~~

14 ~~(4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant~~
15 ~~consistent with this section.~~

16 ~~(e) Application; market assessment.~~

17 ~~(1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional~~
18 ~~market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed~~
19 ~~development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth~~
20 ~~opportunities.~~

1 ~~(2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to~~
2 ~~begin and complete the proposed project:~~

3 ~~(A) community and regional support for the project;~~

4 ~~(B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;~~

5 ~~(C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a~~
6 ~~plan for fiscal viability; and~~

7 ~~(D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the~~
8 ~~project and a plan for obtaining the permits.~~

9 ~~(f) Awards; amount.~~

10 ~~(1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of~~
11 ~~the total project cost.~~

12 ~~(2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other~~
13 ~~sources.~~

14 ~~(3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the~~
15 ~~applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.~~

16 ~~(4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future~~
17 ~~amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but~~
18 ~~eligible use.~~

19 ~~(g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed~~
20 ~~restrictions that require the return of the principal amount to the state and may~~
21 ~~require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit. [Repealed.]~~

1 Sec. E.801.1 10 V.S.A. § 6 is added to read:

2 § 6. RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

3 (a) Creation; purpose.

4 (1) The Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within
5 the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant
6 funding through local development corporations for the purpose of business
7 relocation and expansion activities set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

8 (2) To the extent funding is appropriated, the Agency shall make grants
9 through the Program fund to assist local development corporations with
10 business relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

11 (3) As used in this section, “federally impacted property” means real
12 property that is:

13 (A) owned by the United States or by any federal agency or an
14 instrumentality thereof; or

15 (B) under the custody or control of a federally appointed receiver,
16 trustee, or conservator, and includes property subject to federal court
17 jurisdiction.

18 (b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall
19 consider:

20 (1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including
21 nonprofit organizations, in the applicant’s region;

1 (2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of
2 businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

3 (3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a
4 grant award; and

5 (4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

6 (c) Eligible applicants; priority.

7 (1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development
8 corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this
9 State.

10 (2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may
11 designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities
12 that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

13 (d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient shall use any funding provided
14 through this section only for the following:

15 (1) to purchase real property for potential industrial, commercial, or, in
16 the case of a federally impacted property, residential use;

17 (2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing
18 infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

19 (3) for a project that supports future commercial or industrial
20 development as outlined in a development agreement;

1 (4) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the
2 Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12,
3 subchapter 3;

4 (5) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant
5 consistent with this section; or

6 (6) for the purchasing, holding, and renovation of property for the
7 repurposing or redevelopment of a federally impacted property.

8 (e) Application; market assessment.

9 (1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional
10 market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed
11 development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth
12 opportunities.

13 (2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to
14 begin and complete the proposed project:

15 (A) community and regional support for the project;

16 (B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

17 (C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a
18 plan for fiscal viability; and

19 (D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the
20 project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

21 (f) Awards; amount.

1 (1)(A) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000.00 or 50
2 percent of the total project cost, subject to the exception in subdivision (B) of
3 this subdivision (1).

4 (B) An award may exceed \$1,000,000.00 but shall not exceed
5 \$2,000,000.00 if the property is classified as a federally impacted property and
6 the Secretary certifies that the project is located in:

7 (i) a designated downtown development district; and

8 (ii) a rural economic area partnership program (REAP Zone); or

9 (iii) a federally declared natural disaster area, provided the
10 declaration was made not more than five years from the application date.

11 (2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other
12 sources.

13 (3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the
14 applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

15 (4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future
16 amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but
17 eligible use.

18 (g) Deed restrictions. Any deed restriction requiring a Rural Industry
19 Development Grant Program award recipient to return to the State the principal
20 amount of the grant or a percentage of the sales profit is void and shall not be
21 enforced.

1 Sec. E.801.2 INTENT AND RETROACTIVITY

2 (a) The intent of Secs. E.801 and E.801.1 of this act is to move the Rural
3 Industry Development Grant Program from its original placement in 2023 Acts
4 and Resolves No. 78, Sec. F.8 to Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.
5 The move is intended to increase the visibility of the Program. Any applicant
6 that was awarded a grant through the Program before the effective date of this
7 act shall:

8 (1) not have its award rescinded solely due to the Program language
9 being moved to Title 10;

10 (2) if the award has not been fully paid out, be eligible to have the
11 applicant's invoices that are submitted on or after the effective date of this act
12 to the Agency reimbursed at a rate of 50 percent; and

13 (3) not be eligible for an increased total award amount.

14 Sec. E.915 32 V.S.A. § 3709 is amended to read:

15 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

16 (a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local
17 option tax revenues paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138.
18 This Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter
19 7, subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title,
20 all interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting
21 future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under

1 ~~chapter 123~~, subchapters 4 and 4C of this ~~title~~ chapter, and for any additional
2 State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities, and as provided in
3 subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Finance and Management
4 may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of
5 receipts.

6 * * *

7 (c) If the local option tax cash receipts deposited in the PILOT Special
8 Fund, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, in any State fiscal year exceed the sum of
9 all cash disbursements made under subchapters 4 and 4C of this chapter;
10 payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities; and grand list and appraisal
11 assistance during that same fiscal year, then an amount of PILOT Special
12 Funds equal to three-fourths of the surplus annual operating cash receipts shall
13 be transferred by the Commissioner of Finance and Management to the Local
14 Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund, established pursuant to 19
15 V.S.A. § 306b, as part of the annual fiscal year close out process.

16 Sec. E.915.1 19 V.S.A. § 306b is added to read:

17 § 306b. LOCAL OPTION MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL

18 FUND

19 (a) The Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund is established
20 in the Agency of Transportation and shall be managed in accordance with
21 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The purpose of the Fund is to provide

1 additional State aid for town highways pursuant to the provisions of section
2 306 of this chapter.

3 (b) The Fund shall consist of:

4 (1) transfers from the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A.

5 § 3709(c);

6 (2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Fund;

7 (3) any amounts transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly; and

8 (4) all interest earned on Fund balances.

9 (c)(1) The Secretary may seek and accept gifts, donations, and grants from
10 any source, public or private, for deposit into the Fund.

11 (2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall anticipate
12 receipts to the Fund and shall issue warrants based on the anticipated amounts.

13 (3)(A) The Fund shall be used solely to provide State aid to
14 municipalities pursuant to subsections 306(a), (e), and (h) of this chapter and
15 for any administrative costs of administering the Fund.

16 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections 306(a), (e), and (h)
17 of this chapter to the contrary, the aggregate amount of appropriations from the
18 Fund pursuant to those subsections in any given State fiscal year shall not
19 exceed 95 percent of the anticipated cash receipts to the Fund for that fiscal
20 year.

1 Sec. E.915.2 19 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

2 § 306. APPROPRIATION; STATE AID FOR TOWN HIGHWAYS

3 (a) General State aid to town highways.

4 (1) An annual appropriation to class 1, 2, and 3 town highways shall be
5 made. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's
6 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is
7 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the
8 following are negative or zero:

9 * * *

10 (3) The funds appropriated shall be distributed to towns as follows:

11 (A) Six percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation
12 shall be apportioned to class 1 town highways. The apportionment for each
13 town shall be that town's percentage of class 1 town highways of the total class
14 1 town highway mileage in the State.

15 (B) Forty-four percent of the State's annual town highway
16 appropriation shall be apportioned to class 2 town highways. The
17 apportionment for each town shall be that town's percentage of class 2 town
18 highways of the total class 2 town highway mileage in the State.

19 (C) Fifty percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation
20 shall be apportioned to class 3 town highways. The apportionment for each

1 town shall be that town's percentage of class 3 town highways of the total class
2 3 town highway mileage in the State.

3 (D) Monies apportioned under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this
4 subsection (a) shall be distributed to each town in quarterly payments
5 beginning July 15 in each year.

6 (E) Each town shall use the monies apportioned to it solely for town
7 highway construction, improvement, and maintenance purposes or as the
8 nonfederal share for public transit assistance. These funds may also be used
9 for the establishment and maintenance of bicycle routes and sidewalks. The
10 members of the selectboard shall be personally liable to the State, in a civil
11 action brought by the Attorney General, for making any unauthorized
12 expenditures from money apportioned to the town under this section.

13 (4)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision
14 (1) of this subsection (a), a portion of the Local Option Municipal
15 Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for class 1, 2, and 3 town
16 highways in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the
17 provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(3) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated
18 shall be apportioned, distributed, and used in the same manner as provided
19 pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection (a).

20 (B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (4) shall be
21 supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated

1 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) or be subject to the annual
2 inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
3 subsection (a).

4 * * *

5 (e) State aid for town highway structures.

6 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities
7 for maintenance ~~(, including actions to extend life expectancy),~~ and for
8 construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other
9 structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the
10 integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for
11 alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure,
12 such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels
13 of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of
14 damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of
15 access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's
16 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is
17 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the
18 following are negative or zero:

19 * * *

1 respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. This appropriation shall
2 increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage
3 change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous
4 fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

5 * * *

6 (4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Class 2 Town
7 Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall
8 advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from
9 the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the
10 Agency has previously committed to completing those projects.

11 (5) Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town
12 Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion
13 of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection
14 309b(c) of this title.

15 (6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision
16 (1) of this subsection (h), a portion of the Local Option Municipal
17 Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for town highway structures
18 in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of
19 subdivision 306b(c)(3) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated shall be used in
20 the same manner and for the same purposes as provided pursuant to
21 subdivisions (1) and (5) of this subsection (h).

1 construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt service, the
2 purchase of level 1 and 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) charging
3 ports by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the
4 purposes provided in 23 V.S.A. § 361, and the operation of information centers
5 by the Department of Buildings and General Services.

6 * * * Pay Act * * *

7 Sec. F.100 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FISCAL
8 YEARS 2027 AND 2028

9 (a) Fiscal year 2027. This act fully funds the first year of the collective
10 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'
11 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the
12 period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The collective bargaining
13 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2027 an
14 average 1.9 percent step increase and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on
15 July 12, 2026, and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on January 10, 2027,
16 for a total average increase of 5.9 percent for those employees receiving step
17 increases during the fiscal year.

18 (b) Fiscal year 2028. This act fully funds the second year of the collective
19 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'
20 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the
21 period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. The collective bargaining

1 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2028 an
2 average 1.9 percent step increase and a 3.0 percent across-the-board increase
3 for a total average increase of 4.9 percent for those employees receiving step
4 increases during the fiscal year.

5 * * * Exempt Employees; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

6 Sec. F.101 EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES;
7 FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028

8 (a) Fiscal year 2027. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches
9 may extend the fiscal year 2027 provisions of the collective bargaining
10 agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the
11 bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance
12 with the appropriations provided to each branch.

13 (b) Fiscal year 2028. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches
14 may extend the fiscal year 2028 provisions of the collective bargaining
15 agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the
16 bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance
17 with the appropriations provided to each branch.

18 Sec. F.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND
19 DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE
20 ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND
21 SPECIAL SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS

1 (a) Fiscal year 2027. For purposes of determining annual salary
2 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)
3 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified
4 employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year
5 2027, 5.9 percent.

6 (b) Fiscal year 2028. For purposes of determining annual salary
7 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)
8 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified
9 employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year
10 2028, 4.9 percent.

11 * * * Executive Branch; Miscellaneous Statutory Salaries;
12 Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

13 Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

14 § 1003. STATE OFFICERS

15 (a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an
16 annual salary as follows:

17	Annual	Annual
18	Salary	Salary
19	as of	as of
20	July 14,	July 13,
21	2024	2025

1	(1) Governor	\$222,371	\$234,379
2	(2) Lieutenant Governor	\$94,392	\$99,489
3	(3) Secretary of State	\$141,003	\$148,617
4	(4) State Treasurer	\$141,003	\$148,617
5	(5) Auditor of Accounts	\$141,003	\$148,617
6	(6) Attorney General	\$168,837	\$177,954
7		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
8		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
9		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
10		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
11		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
12	<u>(1) Governor</u>	<u>\$243,520</u>	<u>\$248,390</u>
13	<u>(2) Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>\$103,369</u>	<u>\$105,436</u>
14	<u>(3) Secretary of State</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>
15	<u>(4) State Treasurer</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>
16	<u>(5) Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>
17	<u>(6) Attorney General</u>	<u>\$184,894</u>	<u>\$188,592</u>

18 (b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed
 19 in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for
 20 that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless
 21 otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each

1 appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the
2 Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment
3 subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to
4 officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment
5 available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining
6 agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified
7 in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to
8 the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose
9 job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in
10 the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases
11 or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of
12 adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective
13 bargaining agreement then in effect.

14 (1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

	Base	Base
	Salary	Salary
	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
20 (A) Administration	\$134,466	\$141,727
21 (B) Agriculture,		

1	Food and		
2	Markets	\$134,466	\$141,727
3	(C) Financial		
4	Regulation	\$125,706	\$132,494
5	(D) Buildings and		
6	General Services	\$125,706	\$132,494
7	(E) Children and		
8	Families	\$125,706	\$132,494
9	(F) Commerce and		
10	Community		
11	Development	\$134,466	\$141,727
12	(G) Corrections	\$125,706	\$132,494
13	(H) Defender		
14	General	\$125,706	\$132,494
15	(I) Disabilities,		
16	Aging, and		
17	Independent		
18	Living	\$125,706	\$132,494
19	(J) Economic		
20	Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
21	(K) Education	\$134,466	\$141,727

1	(L) Environmental		
2	Conservation	\$125,706	\$132,494
3	(M) Finance and		
4	Management	\$125,706	\$132,494
5	(N) Fish and		
6	Wildlife	\$114,031	\$120,189
7	(O) Forests, Parks		
8	and Recreation	\$114,031	\$120,189
9	(P) Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
10	(Q) Housing and		
11	Community		
12	Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
13	(R) Human		
14	Resources	\$125,706	\$132,494
15	(S) Human Services	\$134,466	\$141,727
16	(T) Digital Services	\$134,466	\$141,727
17	(U) Labor	\$125,706	\$132,494
18	(V) Libraries	\$114,031	\$120,189
19	(W) Liquor and		
20	Lottery	\$114,031	\$120,189
21	(X) [Repealed.]		

1	(Y) Mental Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
2	(Z) Military	\$125,706	\$132,494
3	(AA) Motor		
4	Vehicles	\$114,031	\$120,189
5	(BB) Natural		
6	Resources	\$134,466	\$141,727
7	(CC) Land Use Review		
8	Board Chair	\$114,031	\$120,189
9	(DD) Public Safety	\$125,706	\$132,494
10	(EE) Public Service	\$125,706	\$132,494
11	(FF) Taxes	\$125,706	\$132,494
12	(GG) Tourism and		
13	Marketing	\$114,031	\$120,189
14	(HH) Transportation	\$134,466	\$141,727
15	(I) Vermont Health		
16	Access	\$125,706	\$132,494
17	(J) Veterans' Home	\$125,706	\$132,494
18		<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>
19		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
20		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
21		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
			<u>July 11,</u>

	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>	
1				
2	<u>(A) Administration</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
3	<u>(B) Agriculture,</u>			
4	<u>Food and</u>			
5	<u>Markets</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
6	<u>(C) Financial</u>			
7	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
8	<u>(D) Buildings and</u>			
9	<u>General Services</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
10	<u>(E) Children and</u>			
11	<u>Families</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
12	<u>(F) Commerce and</u>			
13	<u>Community</u>			
14	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
15	<u>(G) Corrections</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
16	<u>(H) Defender</u>			
17	<u>General</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
18	<u>(I) Disabilities,</u>			
19	<u>Aging, and</u>			
20	<u>Independent</u>			
21	<u>Living</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>

1	<u>(J) Economic</u>			
2	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
3	<u>(K) Education</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
4	<u>(L) Environmental</u>			
5	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
6	<u>(M) Finance and</u>			
7	<u>Management</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
8	<u>(N) Fish and</u>			
9	<u>Wildlife</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
10	<u>(O) Forests, Parks</u>			
11	<u>and Recreation</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
12	<u>(P) Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
13	<u>(Q) Housing and</u>			
14	<u>Community</u>			
15	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
16	<u>(R) Human</u>			
17	<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
18	<u>(S) Human Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
19	<u>(T) Digital Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
20	<u>(U) Labor</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
21	<u>(V) Libraries</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>

1	<u>(W) Liquor and</u>			
2	<u>Lottery</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
3	<u>(X) [Repealed.]</u>			
4	<u>(Y) Mental Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
5	<u>(Z) Military</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
6	<u>(AA) Motor</u>			
7	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
8	<u>(BB) Natural</u>			
9	<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
10	<u>(CC) Land Use Review</u>			
11	<u>Board Chair</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
12	<u>(DD) Public Safety</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
13	<u>(EE) Public Service</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
14	<u>(FF) Taxes</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
15	<u>(GG) Tourism and</u>			
16	<u>Marketing</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
17	<u>(HH) Transportation</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
18	<u>(II) Vermont Health</u>			
19	<u>Access</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
20	<u>(JJ) Veterans' Home</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
21	<u>(2) [Repealed.]</u>			

1		2024	2025
2	(1) Chief Justice of		
3	Supreme Court	\$214,024	\$225,581
4	(2) Each Associate		
5	Justice	\$204,264	\$215,294
6	(3) Chief Superior		
7	Judge	\$204,264	\$215,294
8	(4) Each Superior		
9	Judge	\$194,185	\$204,671
10	(5) [Repealed.]		
11	(6) Each		
12	Magistrate	\$146,413	\$154,319
13	(7) Each Judicial		
14	Bureau hearing		
15	officer	\$146,413	\$154,319
16		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
17		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
18		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
19		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
20		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
21	<u>(1) Chief Justice of</u>		

1	<u>Supreme Court</u>	<u>\$234,379</u>	<u>\$239,067</u>	<u>\$250,781</u>
2	<u>(2) Each Associate</u>			
3	<u>Justice</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
4	<u>(3) Chief Superior</u>			
5	<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
6	<u>(4) Each Superior</u>			
7	<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$212,653</u>	<u>\$216,906</u>	<u>\$227,534</u>
8	<u>(5) [Repealed.]</u>			
9	<u>(6) Each</u>			
10	<u>Magistrate</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>
11	<u>(7) Each Judicial</u>			
12	<u>Bureau hearing</u>			
13	<u>officer</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>

14 Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

15 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

16 (a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive
17 compensation in the amount of ~~\$224.47 a day as of July 14, 2024 and \$236.59~~
18 ~~a day as of July 13, 2025~~ \$245.82 a day as of July 12, 2026, \$250.74 a day as
19 of January 10, 2027, and \$263.03 a day as of July 11, 2027, for time spent in
20 the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to

1 classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on
2 a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

3 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
4 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this
5 subdivision (2).

6 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
7 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision
8 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding
9 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

10 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay
11 for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session or during a court
12 recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

13 Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

14 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

15 (a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to
16 receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of
17 all fees or other compensation:

18	Annual	Annual
19	Salary	Salary
20	as of	as of
21	July 14,	July 13,

1		2024	2025
2	(1) Addison	\$76,555	\$80,689
3	(2) Bennington	\$96,776	\$102,002
4	(3) Caledonia	\$67,891	\$71,557
5	(4) Chittenden	\$161,506	\$170,227
6	(5) Essex	\$18,966	\$19,990
7	(6) Franklin	\$76,555	\$80,689
8	(7) Grand Isle	\$18,966	\$19,990
9	(8) Lamoille	\$53,443	\$56,329
10	(9) Orange	\$63,554	\$66,986
11	(10) Orleans	\$62,110	\$65,464
12	(11) Rutland	\$137,221	\$144,631
13	(12) Washington	\$105,441	\$111,135
14	(13) Windham	\$85,221	\$89,823
15	(14) Windsor	\$115,555	\$121,795
16		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
17		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
18		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
19		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
20		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
21	<u>(1) Addison</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$89,703</u>

1	<u>(2) Bennington</u>	<u>\$105,980</u>	<u>\$108,100</u>	<u>\$113,397</u>
2	<u>(3) Caledonia</u>	<u>\$74,348</u>	<u>\$75,835</u>	<u>\$79,551</u>
3	<u>(4) Chittenden</u>	<u>\$176,866</u>	<u>\$180,403</u>	<u>\$189,243</u>
4	<u>(5) Essex</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>	<u>\$22,223</u>
5	<u>(6) Franklin</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$85,513</u>	<u>\$89,703</u>
6	<u>(7) Grand Isle</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>	<u>\$22,223</u>
7	<u>(8) Lamoille</u>	<u>\$58,526</u>	<u>\$59,697</u>	<u>\$62,622</u>
8	<u>(9) Orange</u>	<u>\$69,598</u>	<u>\$70,990</u>	<u>\$74,469</u>
9	<u>(10) Orleans</u>	<u>\$68,017</u>	<u>\$69,377</u>	<u>\$72,776</u>
10	<u>(11) Rutland</u>	<u>\$150,272</u>	<u>\$153,277</u>	<u>\$160,788</u>
11	<u>(12) Washington</u>	<u>\$115,469</u>	<u>\$117,778</u>	<u>\$123,549</u>
12	<u>(13) Windham</u>	<u>\$93,326</u>	<u>\$95,193</u>	<u>\$99,857</u>
13	<u>(14) Windsor</u>	<u>\$126,545</u>	<u>\$129,076</u>	<u>\$135,401</u>

14 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual
15 and necessary expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State
16 employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District
17 shall be for full-time service.

18 (c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually,
19 shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to
20 exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

1		Salary	Salary
2		as of	as of
3		July 14,	July 13,
4		2024	2025
5	(1) Addison County	\$140,691	\$148,288
6	(2) Bennington		
7	County	\$140,691	\$148,288
8	(3) Caledonia County	\$140,691	\$148,288
9	(4) Chittenden County	\$147,087	\$155,030
10	(5) Essex County	\$105,521	\$111,219
11	(6) Franklin County	\$140,691	\$148,288
12	(7) Grand Isle County	\$105,521	\$111,219
13	(8) Lamoille County	\$140,691	\$148,288
14	(9) Orange County	\$140,691	\$148,288
15	(10) Orleans County	\$140,691	\$148,288
16	(11) Rutland County	\$140,691	\$148,288
17	(12) Washington		
18	County	\$140,691	\$148,288
19	(13) Windham County	\$140,691	\$148,288
20	(14) Windsor County	\$140,691	\$148,288
21		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
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4			
5	<u>(1) Addison County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
6	<u>(2) Bennington</u>		
7	<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
8	<u>(3) Caledonia County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
9	<u>(4) Chittenden County</u>	<u>\$161,076</u>	<u>\$164,298</u>
10	<u>(5) Essex County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>
11	<u>(6) Franklin County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
12	<u>(7) Grand Isle County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>
13	<u>(8) Lamoille County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
14	<u>(9) Orange County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
15	<u>(10) Orleans County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
16	<u>(11) Rutland County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
17	<u>(12) Washington</u>		
18	<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
19	<u>(13) Windham County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
20	<u>(14) Windsor County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>

1 (b) In settlement of their accounts, the Commissioner of Finance and
2 Management shall allow the State's Attorneys the expense of printing briefs in
3 cases in which the State's Attorney has represented the State and their
4 necessary and actual expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State
5 employees.

6 Sec. F.108.1 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

7 § 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

8 * * *

9 (c) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by
10 30 percent for any State's Attorney who is not licensed or authorized to
11 practice law in the State pursuant to the administrative orders issued by the
12 Vermont Supreme Court.

13 * * * Appropriations * * *

14 Sec. F.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND
15 2028

16 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year
17 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'
18 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and
19 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's
20 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June
21 30, 2028; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'

1 Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; and salary
2 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining
3 agreements shall be funded as follows:

4 (1) Fiscal year 2027.

5 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$23,918,820.00 is appropriated
6 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to
7 departments to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and
8 the requirements of this act.

9 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is
10 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration
11 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation to fund the fiscal year 2027
12 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

13 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional
14 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess
15 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the
16 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,184,607.00 from a
17 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

18 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
19 funds, for fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
20 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
21 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be

1 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
2 by State funds.

3 (2) Fiscal year 2028.

4 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$24,974,632.00 is appropriated
5 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to
6 departments to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and
7 the requirements of this act.

8 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is
9 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration
10 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation to fund the fiscal year 2028
11 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

12 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional
13 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess
14 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the
15 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$28,362,343.00 from a
16 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

17 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
18 funds, for fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
19 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
20 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be

1 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
2 by State funds.

3 (3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration
4 of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

5 (b) Judicial Branch.

6 (1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the
7 provisions of the Judiciary's collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary
8 employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.

9 (2) Fiscal year 2027. The first year of the two-year agreements between
10 the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the
11 judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027,
12 and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the
13 bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of
14 \$3,800,867.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of
15 \$277,316.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal
16 year 2027 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

17 (3) Fiscal year 2028. The second year of the two-year agreements
18 between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association
19 for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30,
20 2028, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by
21 the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of

1 \$2,466,396.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of
2 \$179,952.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal
3 year 2028 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

4 (c) Legislative Branch.

5 (1) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the General
6 Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as
7 follows: the amount of \$914,634.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to
8 the Legislative Branch.

9 (2) For the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, the General
10 Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as
11 follows: the amount of \$778,939.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to
12 the Legislative Branch.

13 * * * Effective Dates * * *

14 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

15 (a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105,
16 C.106, C.107, C.108, C.109, C.110, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115,
17 E.504.2, E.504.3, E.504.4, E.801, E.801.1, E.801.2, E.915, and F.108.1 shall
18 take effect on passage.

19 (b) Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 shall take effect on
20 October 1, 2026.

21 (c) Secs. E.307.4 and E.923 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

- 1 (d) Sec. E.504.5 shall take effect upon the occurrence of the contingencies
2 set forth in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 70(f).
- 3 (e) Sec. E.100.3 shall take effect retroactively on June 30, 2024.
- 4 (f) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.