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Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Date:

Subject: Capital construction; State bonding; budget adjustment

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust the FY  
2026 capital construction budget.

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

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

~~\*\*\* Legislative Intent \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 1. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 1 is amended to read:~~

~~Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT~~

~~(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$111,965,288.44  
\$122,695,774.67 authorized in Secs. 2–16 this act, not more than  
\$61,969,761.44 \$61,569,761.44 shall be appropriated in the first year of the  
biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second year.~~

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~~\*\*\* Bond Funded Project Authorizations \*\*\*~~

~~Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 2 is amended to read:~~

~~Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS~~

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~~(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026:~~

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~~(2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,500,000.00~~

~~\$1,100,000.00~~

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~~(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:~~

~~(1) Statewide, major maintenance: ~~\$8,500,000.00~~ \$9,013,413.18~~

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~~(4) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: \$1,100,000.00~~

~~[Repealed.]~~

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~~(7) Montpelier, State House replacement of historic interior finishes:~~

~~\$50,000.00~~

~~(8) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior~~

~~renovation: ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00~~

1 ~~(12) Montpelier, State House, entryway upgrades, design documents,~~  
2 ~~including comprehensive parking plan and delivery truck access:~~  
3 ~~\$1,300,000.00~~

4 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$13,726,680.44 \$13,326,680.44  
5 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$15,925,000.00 \$15,638,413.18  
6 Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$28,951,680.44 \$28,965,093.62

7 Sec. 3. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

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10 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department of  
11 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
12 following projects:

13 (1) Statewide, planning, design, and construction for HVAC system  
14 upgrades at correctional facilities: \$1,000,000.00 \$9,426,254.21

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16 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$4,800,000.00 \$13,226,254.21  
17 Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$13,025,000.00 \$21,151,254.21

18 Sec. 4. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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1 ~~(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of~~  
2 ~~Commerce and Community Development for the following projects:~~

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4 (3) Roadside historic site markers: \$25,000.00 \$45,000.00

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6 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$621,000.00 \$641,000.00

7 Total Appropriation – Section 4 \$1,667,000.00 \$1,687,000.00

8 Sec. 5. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 6. VETERANS' HOME

10 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Vermont  
11 Veterans' Home for the following projects:

12 (1) Replacement of air handlers: \$710,000.00

13 (2) Expansion of laundry facilities: \$340,000.00

14 (b) The Chief Executive Officer of the Vermont Veterans' Home is  
15 authorized to transfer any unexpended project balances between the amounts  
16 appropriated in subdivisions (a)(1)–(2) of this section and the amount  
17 appropriated in subsection (c) of this section.

18 (c) The sum of \$1,250,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont  
19 Veterans' Home for sewage system and elevator upgrades.

20 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$1,050,000.00

21 ~~Appropriation – FY 2027 \$1,250,000.00~~

1 ~~Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$1,050,000.00 \$2,300,000.00~~

2 Sec. 6. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

3 Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

4 \* \* \*

5 ~~(e) The sum of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency~~  
6 ~~of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for~~  
7 ~~clean water implementation projects. [Repealed.]~~

8 (f) In FY 2026 and FY 2027, any agency that receives funding from this  
9 section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are  
10 capital eligible.

11 (g) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
12 Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.

13 (h) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
14 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
15 following projects:

16 (1) Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$1,577,600.00

17 (2) Municipal pollution control grants: \$3,222,400.00

18 (i) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of  
19 Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
20 water quality improvements to forest access roads.

1 ~~(j) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont~~

2 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

3 (1) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

4 (2) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

5 \* \* \*

6 Sec. 7. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 14. JUDICIARY

8 \* \* \*

9 (c) The sum of \$1,720,818.84 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the

10 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for the

11 Newport Courthouse project.

12 Appropriation – FY 2026 \$5,075,910.00

13 Appropriation – FY 2027 \$1,720,818.84

14 Total Appropriation – Section 14 \$5,075,910.00 \$6,796,728.84

15 \* \* \* Reallocations \* \* \*

16 Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 17. REALLOCATION AND REVERSION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER

18 OF FUNDS

19 (a) The following sums ~~are reallocated~~ appropriated to the Department of

20 Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations are

21 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.



1 ~~(3) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec.~~

2 4(a)(4) (Unmarked Burial Fund): \$31,320.70

3 \* \* \*

4 (h) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure  
5 subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the  
6 Vermont Veterans' Home in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
7 B.1103(a)(7) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(7)  
8 (design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units), \$1,500,000.00  
9 is ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this  
10 act.

11 (i) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount  
12 of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of  
13 Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
14 B.1103(a)(9) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.  
15 18(d)(10) (111 State Street; renovation of the stack area), \$200,000.00 is  
16 ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

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18 (n) Of the amount appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home in 2023  
19 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15(b)(2) (elevator upgrade), \$500,000.00 is  
20 ~~reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 6 of this act.~~

1 ~~(c) Of the amount appropriated to the Enhanced 911 Board in 2017 Acts~~  
2 ~~and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6(b)(9), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No.~~  
3 ~~190, Sec. 5 (Enhanced 911 Compliance Grants Program), \$63,413.15 is~~  
4 ~~reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.~~

5 ~~(p) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for~~  
6 ~~the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in 2019 Acts and Resolves~~  
7 ~~No. 42, Sec. 11(j), as added by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 7~~  
8 ~~(State-owned forest and recreational access points), \$0.03 is reallocated to~~  
9 ~~defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.~~

10 ~~(q) The following sums appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure~~  
11 ~~subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the~~  
12 ~~Department of Buildings and General Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves~~  
13 ~~No. 78, Sec. B.1105(a) are reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec.~~  
14 ~~19 of this act:~~

15 ~~(1) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.~~  
16 ~~18(c)(1) (planning, reuse, and contingency): \$119,114.60~~

17 ~~(2) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.~~  
18 ~~18(c)(6) (120 State Street renovation): \$1,000,000.00~~

19 ~~(3) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.~~  
20 ~~18(c)(8) (CJTC administration building and west Cottage). \$450,000.00~~

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|----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1  | <del>(4) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.</del>  |                                      |
| 2  | <u>18(c)(10) (DCF short-term stabilization facility):</u>                       | <u>\$372,557.10</u>                  |
| 3  | <del>(5) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.</del>  |                                      |
| 4  | <u>18(c)(11) (Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre):</u>              | <u>\$750,000.00</u>                  |
| 5  | <del>(6) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.</del>  |                                      |
| 6  | <u>18(c)(13) (planning and design of the Rutland Field Station):</u>            | <u>\$250,000.00</u>                  |
| 7  | <del>(7) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec.</del>  |                                      |
| 8  | <u>18(c)(15) (EV charging stations):</u>  | <u>\$995,040.00</u>                  |
| 9  | <u>(r) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure</u>           |                                      |
| 10 | <u>subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the</u> |                                      |
| 11 | <u>Department of Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves</u>   |                                      |
| 12 | <u>No. 113, Sec. B.1103(a)(3) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No.</u>  |                                      |
| 13 | <u>69, Sec. 18(d)(3), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 11</u> |                                      |
| 14 | <u>(120 State Street renovation), \$1,500,000.00 is reverted to defray</u>      |                                      |
| 15 | <u>expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.</u>                          |                                      |
| 16 | Bonded Dollars  | \$5,074,938.48 <u>\$8,947,268.67</u> |
| 17 | Cash  | \$1,700,000.00 <u>\$7,136,711.70</u> |
| 18 | Total Reallocations, Reversions, and Transfers – Section 17                     | \$6,774,938.48                       |
| 19 | <del><u>\$16,083,980.37</u></del>   |                                      |



1 ~~(f) Authorizations: Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2027,~~  
2 ~~spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital~~  
3 ~~Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential~~  
4 ~~Investments are authorized as follows:~~

5 ~~(1) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide~~  
6 ~~major maintenance: \$1,281,173.60~~

7 ~~(2) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide~~  
8 ~~physical security enhancements: \$225,000.00~~

9 ~~(3) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Asa~~  
10 ~~Bloomer roof replacement: \$3,600,000.00~~

11 ~~(4) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Rutland~~  
12 ~~multimodal garage renovation: \$900,000.00~~

13 ~~(5) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Burlington,~~  
14 ~~32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs: \$3,000,000.00~~

15 ~~(6) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency~~  
16 ~~of Human Services for HVAC upgrades at correctional facilities:~~  
17 ~~\$1,250,000.00~~

18 ~~(7) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency~~  
19 ~~of Human Services for statewide correctional facilities security upgrades:~~  
20 ~~\$225,000.00~~

1 ~~(8) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency~~  
2 ~~of Human Services for door control upgrades at correctional facilities:~~  
3 ~~\$700,000.00~~

4 ~~(9) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency~~  
5 ~~of Human Services for the Northern State Correctional Facility boiler~~  
6 ~~replacement: \$1,000,000.00~~

7 ~~(10) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~  
8 ~~Agency of Human Services for the Department for Children and Families'~~  
9 ~~youth short-term stabilization facility: \$772,557.10~~

10 ~~(11) to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State~~  
11 ~~match for federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: \$2,498,000.00~~

12 ~~(12) to the Department of Environmental Conservation for Waterbury~~  
13 ~~Dam Penstock project cost overruns: \$150,000.00~~

14 ~~(13) to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for park~~  
15 ~~infrastructure and rehabilitation, improvement, and three-acre rule compliance:~~  
16 ~~\$400,000.00~~

17 ~~(14) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for dam maintenance and~~  
18 ~~safety planning: \$200,000.00~~

19 ~~(15) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~  
20 ~~Department of Public Safety for an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) facility:~~  
21 ~~\$500,000.00~~

1 ~~(16) to the Judiciary for the Essex County Courthouse connector~~  
2 project: \$500,000.00

3 ~~(17) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~  
4 Judiciary for renovations at the White River Junction courthouse:  
5 \$1,600,000.00

6 ~~(18) to the Vermont Historical Society for the replacement of a climate~~  
7 control unit: \$566,724.00

8 ~~(19) to the Department of Corrections to work with the Agency of~~  
9 Digital Services to install a Wi-Fi system in State correctional facilities that is  
10 appropriately designed to address the safety, security, and confidentiality risks  
11 of the correctional environment: \$3,000,000.00

12 ~~(20) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the~~  
13 Agency of Human Services for replacement women's reentry and correctional  
14 facilities: \$1,250,000.00

15 \* \* \* Policy \* \* \*

16 \* \* \* Department of Environmental Conservation \* \* \*

17 Sec. 10. 24 V.S.A. § 4752 is amended to read:

18 § 4752. DEFINITIONS

19 As used in this chapter:

20

1 ~~(21) "Eligible mobile home park water system" means a privately~~  
2 ~~owned nonprofit community type system that serves a majority of the users~~  
3 ~~who reside in a nonprofit- or resident-owned mobile home park registered with~~  
4 ~~the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to 10~~  
5 ~~V.S.A. § 6254.~~

6 Sec. 11. 24 V.S.A. § 4771 is amended to read:

7 § 4771. CONDITIONS OF LOAN AGREEMENT

8 (a) VEDA may make loans to applicants on behalf of the State for one or  
9 more of the purposes set forth in subsection 4770(b) of this title. Each such  
10 loan shall be made subject to the following conditions:

11 (1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note payable over a term not to  
12 exceed 30 years. Repayment shall commence not later than one year after  
13 completion of the project for which loan funds have been applied.

14 (2) The loan shall be secured with assets as determined by VEDA.  
15 VEDA may also require that the applicant assign all or a portion of the water  
16 system revenues as security for the loan, or may require the establishment of a  
17 reserve fund.

18 (3) The loan recipient shall establish a dedicated source of revenue for  
19 repayment of the loan which may include a pledge of revenue from user  
20 charges, tap fees, development charges, and pledges of accounts receivable and  
21 the proceeds therefrom.

1 ~~(4) The rate of interest charged for loans shall be set by the State~~  
2 Treasurer, taking into consideration prevailing borrowing rates available to  
3 similarly situated applicants from private lenders and administrative fees to be  
4 charged to applicants. VEDA, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall  
5 periodically recommend interest rates to be set by the State Treasurer ~~which~~  
6 that are the lowest practicable rates consistent with maintaining the long-term  
7 integrity of the Fund. The interest rate set by the State Treasurer may be less  
8 than the prevailing borrowing rates available to similarly situated applicants  
9 from private lenders, but not less than zero percent.

10 (5)(A) Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (1) and (4) of this  
11 subsection (a), a privately owned nonprofit community type system may  
12 qualify for a 40-year loan term at an interest rate, plus administrative fee, to be  
13 established by the Secretary of Natural Resources that shall be not more than  
14 three percent or less than minus three percent, provided that the applicant  
15 system meets the income level and annual household user cost requirements of  
16 a disadvantaged municipality as defined in subdivision 4752(12)(A) of this  
17 title or is an eligible mobile home park water system, and at least 80 percent of  
18 the residential units served by the water system is continuously occupied by  
19 local residents and at least 80 percent of the water produced is for residential  
20 use.

21 ~~(B) [Repealed.]~~



1 ~~any historic site and at the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center, or restoring~~  
2 any historic site maintained and developed under section 723 of this chapter.

3 (b) In any request for approval of solicitation under this section, the State  
4 Historic Preservation Officer shall specify the project and fundraising goal for  
5 which the Officer is undertaking fundraising.

6 \* \* \* Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation \* \* \*

7 Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;

8 LITTLE RIVER STATE PARK LEASE

9 Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, in fiscal year 2027, the Commissioner of  
10 Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into a long-term lease with  
11 Vermont Huts Association Ltd. for the use of a structure at Little River State  
12 Park and the land on which the structure is located, provided that the lease  
13 specifies:

14 (1) the term of 20 years with an option to renew for an additional two  
15 10-year terms at the Commissioner's discretion;

16 (2) the fee or fee formula to be used to compensate the State;

17 (3) conditions on the use of the structure, including the boundaries of  
18 the land and structure to be leased;

19 (4) that Vermont Huts Association Ltd. shall secure insurance and be  
20 subject to an indemnification clause consistent with Attachment C, Standard

1 ~~State Provisions for Contracts and Grants, approved by the Agency of~~  
2 ~~Administration in Administrative Bulletin 3.5;~~  
3 ~~(5) provisions for the termination of the lease;~~  
4 ~~(6) requirements for the operation and maintenance of the leased~~  
5 ~~structure and lands, including responsibility for the costs of maintenance;~~  
6 ~~(7) how any conflict between the parties shall be resolved; and~~  
7 ~~(8) that a contract between the Department and Vermont Huts~~  
8 ~~Association Ltd., executed in accordance with the Standard State Provisions~~  
9 ~~for Contracts and Grants set forth in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 of the Agency~~  
10 ~~of Administration, be required for the relocation and reconstruction of the~~  
11 ~~Goodell House located at Little River State Park.~~

12 \* \* \* Department of Buildings and General Services \* \* \*

13 Sec. 14. SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; PROPERTY  
14 TRANSFER

15 (a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Commissioner of Buildings and  
16 General Services is authorized to transfer to the Town of Springfield a portion  
17 of the Southern State Correctional Facility property consisting of  
18 approximately 22.93 acres to be used for municipal purposes, including  
19 economic development as an industrial parcel, provided that the Commissioner  
20 may transfer the property only if.

1 ~~(1) the State obtains any State or local zoning or subdivision approvals~~  
2 ~~required for transfer;~~

3 ~~(2) the State and the Town negotiate updates to the 1999 Agreement to:~~

4 ~~(A) establish responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the~~  
5 ~~access road and the water and sewer service lines for the Facility and the~~  
6 ~~transferred property; and~~

7 ~~(B) mitigate impacts to the Springfield community; and~~

8 ~~(3) the transferred property does not include any brownfields.~~

9 ~~(b) If the Town has not begun developing the transferred property for~~  
10 ~~purposes of economic development by the end of March 2030, the Town shall~~  
11 ~~consult with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to examine~~  
12 ~~alternative uses for the property.~~

13 Sec. 15. REPEALS

14 ~~(a) 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 23 (Southern State Correctional~~  
15 ~~Facility; transfer of parcel) is repealed.~~

16 ~~(b) Sec. 14 of this act (Southern State Correctional Facility; property~~  
17 ~~transfer) is repealed on July 1, 2030.~~

18 \* \* \* Agency of Human Services \* \* \*

19 Sec. 16. HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

20 ~~(a) Monthly from August through December 2026, the Agency of Human~~  
21 ~~Services, in consultation with the Departments for Children and Families and~~

1 ~~of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee~~  
2 ~~and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on its plan to develop~~  
3 ~~the Green Mountain Youth Campus, including its progress on a complete,~~  
4 ~~unambiguous written analysis of the estimated costs of an annual operating~~  
5 ~~budget for full utilization of the proposed 41-bed high-end system of care~~  
6 ~~consistent with 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.300.1.~~

7 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the~~  
8 ~~Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services~~  
9 ~~shall not expend funds for further development of the Green Mountain Youth~~  
10 ~~Campus in fiscal year 2027 until either:~~

11 ~~(1) the Joint Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the~~  
12 ~~House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee~~  
13 ~~on Institutions, approves the resumption of expenditures for the Green~~  
14 ~~Mountain Youth Campus upon reviewing one or more of the reports received~~  
15 ~~pursuant to subsection (a) of this section while the General Assembly is~~  
16 ~~adjourned sine die; or~~

17 ~~(2) the General Assembly authorizes resumption of spending by~~  
18 ~~legislative enactment.~~

\*\*\* Department of Corrections \*\*\*

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2 Sec. 17. REPORT; WI-FI INSTALLATION IN STATE CORRECTIONAL  
3 FACILITIES

4 The Commissioner of Corrections and the Chief Information Officer of  
5 Digital Services shall monthly report while the General Assembly is adjourned  
6 sine die in calendar year 2026 to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight  
7 Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on  
8 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, on the  
9 installation of Wi-Fi in State correctional facilities authorized pursuant to 2025  
10 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19(f)(19).

11 \*\*\* Effective Date \*\*\*

12 Sec. 18. EFFECTIVE DATE

13 This act shall take effect on passage.

\*\*\* Legislative Intent \*\*\*

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*(2) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: ~~\$1,500,000.00~~  
\$500,000.00*

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*(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027:*

*(1) Statewide, major maintenance: ~~\$8,500,000.00~~ \$8,683,413.18*

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*(4) Statewide, three-acre parcel stormwater compliance: ~~\$1,100,000.00~~*

*[Repealed.]*

*\* \* \**

*(7) Montpelier, State House replacement of ~~historic~~ interior finishes:*

*\$50,000.00*

*(8) Montpelier, 120 State Street HVAC – steam lines interior renovation:*

*~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$1,000,000.00*

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(12) Montpelier, State House entryway upgrades, design documents, including comprehensive parking plan and delivery truck access, and second-floor egress design: \$1,300,000.00

(d) On or before January 15, 2027, the Sergeant at Arms and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on the status of the designs for the State House entryway and second-floor egress under subdivision (c)(12) of this section and on estimates for construction costs.

|                                 |                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Appropriation – FY 2026         | \$13,726,680.44 | <u>\$12,726,680.44</u> |
| Appropriation – FY 2027         | \$15,925,000.00 | <u>\$15,308,413.18</u> |
| Total Appropriation – Section 2 | \$28,951,680.44 | <u>\$28,035,093.62</u> |

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Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

(a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2026 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the following projects:

\* \* \*

(4) St. Johnsbury, Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC) door control system replacements: \$1,000,000.00 \$1,480,000.00

\* \* \*





*appropriated in subdivisions (a)(1)–(2) of this section and the amount appropriated in subsection (c) of this section.*

*(c) The sum of \$1,250,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont Veterans’ Home for sewage system and elevator upgrades.*

*Appropriation – FY 2026* *\$1,050,000.00*

*Appropriation – FY 2027* *\$1,250,000.00*

*Total Appropriation – Section 6* *~~\$1,050,000.00~~ \$2,300,000.00*

*Sec. 6. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 10 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 10. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES*

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*~~(e) The sum of \$10,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for clean water implementation projects. [Repealed.]~~*

*(f) In FY 2026 and FY 2027, any agency that receives funding from this section shall consult with the State Treasurer to ensure that the projects are capital eligible.*

*(g) The sum of \$1,500,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for water quality grants and contracts.*

*(h) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the following projects:*

(1) Clean Water State Revolving Fund: \$1,577,600.00

(2) Municipal pollution control grants: \$3,922,400.00

(i) The sum of \$200,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for water quality improvements to forest access roads.

(j) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2027 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

(1) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

(2) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

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*Sec. 7. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 14 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 14. JUDICIARY*

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(c) The sum of \$1,720,818.84 is appropriated in FY 2027 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for the Newport Courthouse project.

*Appropriation – FY 2026* \$5,075,910.00

*Appropriation – FY 2027* \$1,720,818.84

*Total Appropriation – Section 14* ~~\$5,075,910.00~~ \$6,796,728.84

*\* \* \* Reallocations \* \* \**

*Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 17 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 17. REALLOCATION AND REVERSION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER  
OF FUNDS*

*(a) The following sums ~~are reallocated~~ appropriated to the Department of Buildings and General Services from prior capital appropriations are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act:*

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*(12) of the amount appropriated in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84,  
Sec. 13(b)(2), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 10 (CJTC  
East Cottage): \$43,190.08*

*(13) of the amounts appropriated in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42,  
Sec. 2(c) (various projects): \$1,624,241.12*

*(14) of the amounts appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50,  
Sec. 2(b) (various projects): \$393,854.32*

*(15) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50,  
Sec. 3(a)(2) (women’s correctional facilities): \$97,890.12*

*(16) of the amounts appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50,  
Sec. 2(c) (various projects): \$618,000.00*

*(17) of the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69,  
Sec. 2(b) (various projects): \$350,420.67*

(18) of the amounts appropriated in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69,

Sec. 2(c) (various projects): \$150,000.00

(19) of the amounts appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50,

Sec. 3(b)(1) (women's correctional facilities, replacement): \$868,850.00

(b) The following sums appropriated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development from prior capital appropriations are reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act:

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(3) of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec.

4(a)(4) (Unmarked Burial Fund): \$31,320.70

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(h) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Vermont Veterans' Home in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1103(a)(7) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(7) (design for the renovation of the Brandon and Cardinal units), \$1,500,000.00 is ~~reallocated~~ reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

(i) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves

*No. 113, Sec. B.1103(a)(9) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(10) (111 State Street; renovation of the stack area), \$200,000.00 is reallocated reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.*

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*(n) Of the amount appropriated to the Vermont Veterans' Home in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15(b)(2) (elevator upgrade), \$500,000.00 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 6 of this act.*

*(o) Of the amount appropriated to the Enhanced 911 Board in 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6(b)(9), as added by 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 190, Sec. 5 (Enhanced 911 Compliance Grants Program), \$63,413.15 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.*

*(p) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 42, Sec. 11(j), as added by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 139, Sec. 7 (State-owned forest and recreational access points), \$0.03 is reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Secs. 2–16 of this act.*

*(q) The following sums appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of Buildings and General Services in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(a) are reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act:*

(1) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(1) (planning, reuse, and contingency): \$119,114.60

(2) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(6) (120 State Street renovation): \$1,000,000.00

(3) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(8) (CJTC administration building and West Cottage): \$450,000.00

(4) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(10) (DCF short-term stabilization facility): \$372,557.10

(5) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(11) (Washington County Superior Courthouse in Barre): \$750,000.00

(6) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(13) (planning and design of the Rutland Field Station): \$250,000.00

(7) of the amount authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(c)(15) (EV charging stations): \$995,040.00

(r) Of the amount appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments to the Department of Buildings and General Services in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1103(a)(3) and authorized in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 18(d)(3), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 11 (120 State Street renovation), \$1,500,000.00 is reverted to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 19 of this act.

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| <i>Bonded Dollars</i>  | <del>\$5,074,938.48</del> | <u>\$9,816,118.67</u>  |
| <i>Cash</i>  | <del>\$1,700,000.00</del> | <u>\$7,136,711.70</u>  |
| <i>Total Reallocations, Reversions, and Transfers – Section 17</i> | <del>\$6,774,938.48</del> | <u>\$16,952,830.37</u> |

*\* \* \* Cash-Funded Project Authorizations \* \* \**

*Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 19. FY 2026 AND 2027; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2026 AND FY  
2027 APPROPRIATIONS ~~ACT~~ ACTS; INTENT;  
AUTHORIZATIONS*

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*(b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Appropriations Act Acts. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Appropriations Act ~~appropriate Acts~~ transfer funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in FY 2026 and FY 2027.*

*(c) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2026, spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments are authorized as follows:*

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*(7) to the Vermont Veterans' Home for the design and construction of the American unit and sprinkler system installation:* \$1,500,000.00

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*(f) Authorizations; Capital Infrastructure subaccount. In FY 2027, spending authority for the following capital projects from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments are authorized as follows:*

*(1) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide major maintenance:* \$1,781,173.60

*(2) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for statewide physical security enhancements:* \$225,000.00

*(3) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Asa Bloomer roof replacement:* \$3,600,000.00

*(4) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Rutland multimodal garage renovation:* \$900,000.00

*(5) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs:* \$3,000,000.00

*(6) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC upgrades at correctional facilities:*

\$1,050,000.00

(7) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for statewide correctional facilities security upgrades:

\$225,000.00

(8) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for St. Johnsbury, Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC) door control system replacements:

\$2,700,000.00

(9) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern State Correctional Facility boiler replacement:

\$1,000,000.00

(10) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades:

\$500,000.00

(11) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for maintenance, replacement, and renovations at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility or other correctional facilities utilized in response to overcrowding for the incarcerated women's population:

\$500,000.00

(12) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the Department for Children and Families' youth short-term stabilization facility:

\$772,557.10

(13) to the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State match for federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund: \$2,498,000.00

(14) to the Department of Environmental Conservation for Waterbury Dam Penstock project cost overruns: \$150,000.00

(15) to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for park infrastructure and rehabilitation, improvement, and three-acre rule compliance: \$400,000.00

(16) to the Department of Fish and Wildlife for dam maintenance and safety planning: \$200,000.00

(17) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Department of Public Safety for an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) facility: \$500,000.00

(18) to the Judiciary for the Essex County Courthouse connector project: \$500,000.00

(19) to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the White River Junction courthouse: \$1,600,000.00

(20) to the Vermont Historical Society for the replacement of a climate control unit: \$566,724.00

(21) to the Department of Corrections to work with the Agency of Digital Services to develop a plan for providing network connectivity in State

correctional facilities that modernizes processes and reduces reliance on paper; improves staff efficiency and addresses workforce challenges, such as staff retention; supports real-time data-driven operations; lays the foundation for future capabilities, such as wearable technology and mobile device-supported operations; and ensures secure, compliance connectivity in key facilities, each as outlined in the Business Transformation Project Recommendations Report issued by the Agency: \$750,000.00

*\* \* \* Policy \* \* \**

*\* \* \* Department of Environmental Conservation \* \* \**

*Sec. 10. 24 V.S.A. § 4752 is amended to read:*

*§ 4752. DEFINITIONS*

*As used in this chapter:*

*\* \* \**

(21) “Eligible mobile home park water system” means a privately owned nonprofit community type system that serves a majority of the users who reside in a nonprofit- or resident-owned mobile home park registered with the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 6254.

*Sec. 11. 24 V.S.A. § 4771 is amended to read:*

*§ 4771. CONDITIONS OF LOAN AGREEMENT*

*(a) VEDA may make loans to applicants on behalf of the State for one or more of the purposes set forth in subsection 4770(b) of this title. Each such loan shall be made subject to the following conditions:*

*(1) The loan shall be evidenced by a note payable over a term not to exceed 30 years. Repayment shall commence not later than one year after completion of the project for which loan funds have been applied.*

*(2) The loan shall be secured with assets as determined by VEDA. VEDA may also require that the applicant assign all or a portion of the water system revenues as security for the loan, or may require the establishment of a reserve fund.*

*(3) The loan recipient shall establish a dedicated source of revenue for repayment of the loan which may include a pledge of revenue from user charges, tap fees, development charges, and pledges of accounts receivable and the proceeds therefrom.*

*(4) The rate of interest charged for loans shall be set by the State Treasurer, taking into consideration prevailing borrowing rates available to similarly situated applicants from private lenders and administrative fees to be charged to applicants. VEDA, in cooperation with the Secretary, shall periodically recommend interest rates to be set by the State Treasurer ~~which~~*

*that are the lowest practicable rates consistent with maintaining the long-term integrity of the Fund. The interest rate set by the State Treasurer may be less than the prevailing borrowing rates available to similarly situated applicants from private lenders, but not less than zero percent.*

*(5)(A) Notwithstanding ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (1) and (4) of this subsection (a), a privately owned nonprofit community type system may qualify for a 40-year loan term at an interest rate, plus administrative fee, to be established by the Secretary of Natural Resources that shall be not more than three percent or less than minus three percent, provided that the applicant system meets the income level and annual household user cost requirements of a disadvantaged municipality as defined in subdivision 4752(12)(A) of this title or is an eligible mobile home park water system, and at least 80 percent of the residential units served by the water system is continuously occupied by local residents and at least 80 percent of the water produced is for residential use.*

*(B) [Repealed.]*

*(C) If the Secretary determines that a privately owned nonprofit community type system qualifies for a loan under this subdivision (5), the Secretary shall certify the loan term and interest rate to VEDA. ~~In no instance shall the~~ Except as applied to an eligible mobile home park water system, the Secretary shall not certify an annual interest rate, plus an administrative fee,*

*be pursuant to this subdivision (C) that is less than is necessary to achieve an annual household user cost equal to one percent of the median household income of the applicant water system computed in the same manner as prescribed in subdivision 4763c(b)(2) of this title.*

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*\* \* \* Division for Historic Preservation \* \* \**

*Sec. 12. 22 V.S.A. § 725 is amended to read:*

*§ 725. ACCEPTANCE AND SOLICITATION OF FUNDS OR GIFTS FOR HISTORIC SITES AND VERMONT ARCHAEOLOGY HERITAGE CENTER*

*(a) With Notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 1203g and with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, the State Historic Preservation Officer may accept and solicit grants, gifts, donations, loans, or other things of value on behalf of the Division for Historic Preservation for use by the Division for Historic Preservation in establishing and maintaining displays and exhibits at any historic site and at the Vermont Archaeology Heritage Center; or restoring any historic site maintained and developed under section 723 of this chapter.*

*(b) In any request for approval of solicitation under this section, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall specify the project and fundraising goal for which the Officer is undertaking fundraising.*

*\* \* \* Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation \* \* \**

*Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION;*

*LITTLE RIVER STATE PARK LEASE*

*(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, in fiscal year 2027, the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation is authorized to enter into a long-term lease with Vermont Huts Association Ltd. for the use of a structure at Little River State Park and the land on which the structure is located, provided that the lease specifies:*

*(1) the term of 20 years with an option to renew for an additional two 10-year terms at the Commissioner's discretion;*

*(2) the fee or fee formula to be used to compensate the State;*

*(3) conditions on the use of the structure, including the boundaries of the land and structure to be leased;*

*(4) that Vermont Huts Association Ltd. shall secure insurance and be subject to an indemnification clause consistent with Attachment C, Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants, approved by the Agency of Administration in Administrative Bulletin 3.5;*

*(5) provisions for the termination of the lease;*

*(6) requirements for the operation and maintenance of the leased structure and lands, including responsibility for the costs of maintenance;*

*(7) how any conflict between the parties shall be resolved; and*

(8) that a contract between the Department and Vermont Huts Association Ltd., executed in accordance with the Standard State Provisions for Contracts and Grants set forth in Administrative Bulletin 3.5 of the Agency of Administration, be required for the relocation and reconstruction of the Goodell House located at Little River State Park.

(b) The Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and Senate Committee on Institutions with a report on the status of the lease negotiations under this section on or before August 15, 2026, and immediately prior to execution of any related lease agreement and shall provide to the Chairs the lease agreement promptly following execution.

*\* \* \* Department of Buildings and General Services \* \* \**

*Sec. 14. SOUTHERN STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; PROPERTY  
TRANSFER*

(a) Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to transfer to the Town of Springfield a portion of the Southern State Correctional Facility property consisting of approximately 22.93 acres to be used for municipal purposes, including economic development as an industrial parcel, provided that the Commissioner may transfer the property only if:

(1) the State obtains any State or local zoning or subdivision approvals required for transfer;

(2) the State and the Town negotiate updates to the 1999 Agreement to:

(A) establish responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the access road and the water and sewer service lines for the Facility and the transferred property; and

(B) mitigate impacts to the Springfield community; and

(3) the transferred property does not include any brownfields.

(b) If the Town has not begun developing the transferred property for purposes of economic development by the end of March 2030, the Town shall consult with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to examine alternative uses for the property.

Sec. 15. REPEALS

(a) 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. 23 (Southern State Correctional Facility; transfer of parcel) is repealed.

(b) Sec. 14 of this act (Southern State Correctional Facility; property transfer) is repealed on July 1, 2030.

Sec. 16. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 22(a) is amended to read:

(a)(1) 110 State Street. ~~Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b),~~ the The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier, provided that the

Commissioner includes in any contract for sale appropriate interior and exterior protective covenants developed in consultation with the Division for Historic Preservation and the Vermont Advisory Council on Historic Preservation pursuant to 22 V.S.A. § 743. The Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the property.

~~(1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property on or before October 15, 2023.~~

~~(2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the property pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a written offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the City fails to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City's preferential right to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is authorized to sell the property to another party. The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall provide to the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions copies of any related request for proposal and any executed contract for sale of 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier promptly after each becomes available.~~

~~(3) It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier is sold at fair market value; that historic~~

attributes of the property are protected for future generations; that the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions receive timely notice of status updates on the disposition of the property; and that the initial purchaser of the property provides notification of any intent to sell to the Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, who shall then promptly notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the potential sale.

*Sec. 17. CHITTENDEN REGIONAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY*

Among the uses of the funds appropriated in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Secs. 3(b)(7) and 19(f)(11), as amended by this act, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall prioritize repairs of bathrooms, showers, and flooring at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility. If the Department of Buildings and General Services applies funds to other correctional facilities to respond to overcrowding at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide an overview of the use of funds to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee at the Committee's regularly scheduled meetings in calendar year 2026.

*\* \* \* Agency of Human Services \* \* \**

*Sec. 18. HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH*

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

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

*\* \* \* Department of Corrections and Agency of Digital Services \* \* \**

*Sec. 19. REPORT; NETWORK CONNECTIVITY IN STATE*

*CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES*

*The Commissioner of Corrections and the State Chief Information Officer of Digital Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee at each scheduled meeting of the Committee in calendar year 2026*

on the plan for providing network connectivity in State correctional facilities authorized pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19(f)(21), including any prioritization and schedule.

*\* \* \* Stormwater Utilities \* \* \**

*Sec. 20. 24 V.S.A. § 4414(9) is amended to read:*

*(9) Stormwater management and control. Any municipality may adopt bylaws to implement stormwater management and control consistent with the program developed by the Secretary of Natural Resources pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 1264. The creation of a regional stormwater utility under statute or rules of the Agency of Natural Resources shall not prevent a municipality from regulating stormwater under this subdivision, including adoption by the municipality of a bylaw establishing a municipal stormwater utility. Municipalities shall not charge an impervious surface fee or other stormwater fee under this subdivision or under other provisions of this title on property regulated under the Required Agricultural Practices for discharges of agricultural waste or agricultural nonpoint source pollution.*

*Sec. 21. 24 V.S.A. § 3626 is added to read:*

§ 3626. MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY TO AUTHORIZE AND OPERATE

STORMWATER UTILITY

The creation of a regional stormwater utility under statute or rules of the Agency of Natural Resources shall not prevent a municipality from regulating

stormwater under this chapter, including adoption by the municipality of a bylaw authorizing the operation of a municipal stormwater utility that establishes an assessment on an equivalent residential unit or impervious surface.

*\* \* \* General Assembly \* \* \**

*Sec. 22. STATE HOUSE; ENTRYWAY DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE*

(a) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review, approve, or recommend alterations to the State House entryway design at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative Management Committee meeting.

(b) The special committee shall be entitled to per diem and expenses as provided in 2 V.S.A. § 23.

*\* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \**

*Sec. 23. EFFECTIVE DATE*

This act shall take effect on passage.