

# House Calendar

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107th DAY OF THE BIENNIAL SESSION

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

**Favorable with Amendment**

**S. 36**

An act relating to the Medicaid payment model for residential substance use disorder treatment services

**Rep. Bishop of Colchester**, for the Committee on Human Services, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by inserting a new Sec. 6 and a new section to be Sec. 7 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. REPORTS; PUBLIC INEBRIATE SERVICES AND  
PROGRAMMING

(a)(1) The Departments of Health and of Mental Health’s existing plan to expand public inebriate services and programming shall prioritize Chittenden County.

(2) On or before February 15, 2026, the Departments of Health and of Mental Health shall jointly provide a presentation to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare describing efforts to expand public inebriate services and programming pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(b) On or before February 15, 2026, the Department of Corrections shall provide a presentation to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare describing efforts to reinstate the practice of connecting individuals receiving public inebriate services in a correctional facility with appropriate community-based substance use recovery providers.

Sec. 7. REPORTS; HUMAN SERVICES BOARD PROCEEDINGS

(a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Human Services Board, Office of the Attorney General, each of the Agency’s departments with cases before the Human Services Board, community partners, and individuals with lived experience as appellants before the Board, shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare providing the following information and recommendations regarding proceedings before the Board:

(1) a proposal that attorneys representing the Agency or departments participate in training that balances the attorney's ethical obligation to zealously represent the attorney's client with the respectful, trauma-informed treatment of appellants;

(2) an analysis of varying appeals processes specific to the Agency and each department with cases before the Board, including proposals and any legislative action necessary to improve consistency;

(3) a proposal to identify and collect currently unavailable data in a manner that ensures uniform data collection across the Agency and departments with cases before the Board, including data regarding cases resolved prior to reaching the stage of hearing officer or full Board involvement;

(4) recommendations for resolving potential appeals prior to reaching the Board; and

(5) any other recommendation requiring legislative action.

(b) On or before December 15, 2025, the Human Services Board, in collaboration with the Agency of Human Services, each of the Agency's departments with cases before the Board, the Office of the Attorney General, community partners, and individuals with lived experience as appellants before the Board, shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare providing the following information and recommendations regarding proceedings before the Board:

(1) a proposal to improve understanding of Board processes and accessibility to appellants, including the use of media and graphics to explain what the Board is and how it operates;

(2) a proposal for the exchange of periodic feedback as part of a continual quality improvement process between the Board, Agency, departments appearing before the Board, Office of the Attorney General, Vermont Legal Aid, and other relevant stakeholders;

(3) an analysis of how to enable an appellant to present a personal narrative without jeopardizing the appellant's case or disrupting the legal obligations of the Board and the attorneys representing the Agency or departments appearing before the Board; and

(4) recommendations to improve the reporting and analysis of data to the General Assembly, including information related to appeal requests resolved prior to reaching the stage of hearing officer or full Board involvement.

and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to the delivery and payment of certain services provided through the Agency of Human Services, Public Inebriate Services, and Human Services Board proceedings”

**(Committee vote: 11-0-0)**

**Rep. Bluemle of Burlington**, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended as recommended by the Committee on Human Services.

**(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)**

**Amendment to be offered by Reps. Bishop of Colchester, Cole of Hartford, Donahue of Northfield, Eastes of Guilford, Garofano of Essex, Maguire of Rutland City, McGill of Bridport, Nielsen of Brandon, Noyes of Wolcott, Steady of Milton, and Wood of Waterbury to the report of the Committee on Human Services on S. 36**

That the report of the Committee on Human Services be amended as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 6, reports; public inebriate services and programming, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 6 to read as follows:

Sec. 6. REPORTS; SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING FOR PERSONS

WHO ARE INCAPACITATED

(a)(1) The Departments of Health and of Mental Health’s existing plan to expand services and programming for persons who are incapacitated pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4810 shall prioritize Chittenden County.

(2) On or before February 15, 2026, the Departments of Health and of Mental Health shall jointly provide a presentation to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare describing efforts to expand services and programming for persons who are incapacitated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(b) On or before February 15, 2026, the Department of Corrections shall provide a presentation to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Health and Welfare describing efforts to reinstate the practice of connecting persons who are in a correctional facility

due to incapacitation pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4810 with appropriate community-based substance use recovery providers.

Second: By proposing to the Senate to amend the bill in Sec. 4, repeal, by striking out “public inebriates” and inserting in lieu thereof “persons who are incapacitated”

and that after passage the title of the bill be amended to read: “An act relating to the delivery and payment of certain services provided through the Agency of Human Services, services for persons who are incapacitated, and Human Services Board proceedings”

**Amendment to be offered by Rep. Rachelson of Burlington to S. 36**

That the House proposal of amendment be amended as follows:

First: By proposing to the Senate to amend the bill by striking out Sec. 4, repeal, and Sec. 5, 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, in their entireties and inserting in lieu thereof new Secs. 4 and 5 to read as follows:

Sec. 4. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105 is amended to read:

Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

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(c) Secs. 99 and 100 (amending 18 V.S.A. §§ 4910 and 4811) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2027.

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Sec. 5. 18 V.S.A. § 4810 is amended to read:

§ 4810. TREATMENT AND SERVICES

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(d) A person judged by a law enforcement officer to be incapacitated, ~~and who has not been charged with a crime, and who poses a risk to public safety~~ may be lodged in protective custody in a lockup or community correctional center for up to 24 hours or until judged by the person in charge of the facility to be no longer incapacitated, if and only if:

(1) the person refuses to be transported to an appropriate facility for treatment or, if once there, refuses treatment or leaves the facility before ~~he or she~~ the person is considered by the responsible staff of that facility to be no longer incapacitated; or

(2) ~~there is not an~~ approved substance abuse treatment program with detoxification capabilities ~~and no~~ a staff physician, or other medical

professional at ~~the nearest a~~ licensed general hospital ~~can be found~~ within a 60-mile radius of where the person was first encountered who will accept the person for treatment.

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(h) If an incapacitated person in protective custody is lodged in a lockup or community correctional center;

(1) ~~his or her~~ the person's family or next of kin shall be notified as promptly as possible. ~~If, unless~~ the person is an adult and requests that there be no notification, ~~his or her~~ in which case the person's request shall be respected;

(2) any personal belongings taken from the person shall be promptly returned to the person upon release; and

(3) the person shall be returned to the location the person was first encountered or other reasonable location upon release, if requested.

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Second: In Sec. 6, reports; services and programming for persons who are incapacitated, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) The Departments of Health and of Mental Health's existing plan to expand services and programming for persons who are incapacitated pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4810 shall first prioritize the county with the highest current use of correctional facilities for this purpose and then any other underserved region of the State. As part of the Departments' fiscal year 2027 budget presentation, the Departments shall include a proposal for expanding community-based services for persons who are incapacitated to underserved regions of the State using, in part, cost savings from diverting persons who are incapacitated from emergency departments and correctional facilities.

## NOTICE CALENDAR

### Favorable with Amendment

#### H. 86

An act relating to establishing the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program at the Agency of Natural Resources

**Rep. Chapin of East Montpelier**, for the Committee on Environment, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT

(a) It is the purpose of this act to establish the accepted standards of care for the application of salt and salt alternatives in an effective and efficient manner that provides safe conditions for pedestrians and motor vehicles on traveled surfaces while also reducing the impacts of salt and salt alternatives on the quality of the waters of the State.

(b) It is intent of this act that a person's compliance with the standards of care required under this act shall limit the person's liability in negligence lawsuits.

Sec. 2. 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3A is added to read:

Subchapter 3A. Chloride Contamination Reduction Program

§ 1351. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Apply salt" or "application of salt" means to apply salt or a salt alternative to roadways, parking lots, or sidewalks for the purpose of winter maintenance or for summer dust control. "Apply salt" or "application of salt" does not mean the application of salt to a transportation infrastructure construction project.

(2) "Commercial salt applicator" means any individual who for compensation applies salt but does not include municipal or State employees.

(3) "Master commercial salt applicator" means any individual who employs and is responsible for individuals who for compensation apply salt but does not include municipal or State employees.

(4) "Salt" means sodium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, or any other substance containing chloride used for the purpose of deicing, anti-icing, or dust control.

(5) "Salt alternative" means any substance not containing chloride used for the purpose of deicing, anti-icing, or dust control.

(6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(7) "Transportation infrastructure construction project" means a project that involves the construction of roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, or other construction activities at transportation facilities or within transportation rights-of-way.

§ 1352. CHLORIDE CONTAMINATION REDUCTION PROGRAM



(a) The Secretary of Natural Resources, after consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and other states with similar chloride reduction programs, shall establish the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program for the voluntary education, training, and certification of commercial salt applicators regarding effective and efficient application of salt and salt alternatives to provide safe conditions for pedestrians and motor vehicles on traveled surfaces while also reducing the impacts of salt and salt alternatives on the quality of the waters of the State.

(b) As part of the Program, the Secretary of Natural Resources, on or before July 1, 2026, shall adopt by rule best management practices for application of salt or salt alternatives by commercial salt applicators. The best management practices may be based on practices currently implemented by the Agency of Transportation or other entities. The best management practices shall:

(1) establish measures or techniques to increase efficiency in the application of salt or salt alternatives so that the least amount of salt or salt alternatives are used while maintaining safe conditions for pedestrians and motor vehicles on traveled surfaces;

(2) establish standards for when and how salt and salt alternatives are applied in order to prevent salt or salt alternatives from entering waters of the State, including:

(A) salt alternatives that are cost-effective and less harmful to water quality while maintaining safe conditions for pedestrians and motor vehicles on traveled surfaces;

(B) whether and how to implement equipment to calibrate, monitor, or meter application of salt or salt alternatives; and

(C) when sand is an appropriate alternative to salt or salt alternatives for deicing or dust control, particularly in regard to when application of sand will be less harmful to water quality;

(3) establish record-keeping requirements for commercial salt applicators, including records of training and records describing the type and rate of application of salt or salt alternatives, the dates of use, weather conditions requiring use of salt or salt alternatives, and any other factors that the Secretary of Natural Resources deems necessary for the purposes of the Program;

(4) create and circulate a model form for record-keeping information required under this section;

(5) establish requirements for certification under this subchapter, including frequency of training and manner of training;

(6) establish a testing requirement for applicators to complete prior to receiving an initial certification under the Program; and

(7) establish other requirements deemed necessary by the Secretary to achieve the purposes of the Program.

(c)(1) The Program shall offer training for commercial applicators in the implementation of the best management practices required under subsection (b) of this section. Upon completion of training, a commercial salt applicator shall be designated a certified commercial salt applicator. The term of a commercial salt applicator certification issued under the Program shall be for two years from the date of issuance of certification.

(2) A business that employs multiple commercial salt applicators may apply to the Secretary for certification of the business owner or other designated employee as a master commercial salt applicator. A certified master commercial salt applicator shall ensure that all persons employed by the business to apply salt or salt alternatives are trained to comply with the best management practices established under subsection (b) of this section.

(d)(1) A certified commercial salt applicator shall submit an annual summary of total winter salt usage to the Secretary of Natural Resources.

(2) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall establish methods to estimate and track the amount of salt applied by certified commercial salt applicators.

(e) The Secretary may revoke a certification issued under this subchapter after notice and opportunity for a hearing for a violation of the requirements of this subchapter, the rules of this subchapter, or the provisions of a certification issued under this subchapter.

(f)(1) The Program shall include requirements for certification of a master commercial salt applicator.

(2) The Program shall specifically exclude salt applications related to transportation infrastructure construction projects.

(3) The Secretary may elect to implement the Program with State agency staff or through a third-party vendor, or some combination.

§ 1353. SALT APPLICATION; LIMITED LIABILITY; PRESUMPTION OF COMPLIANCE

(a) An Agency of Natural Resources' certified commercial salt applicator or an owner, occupant, or lessee of real property maintained by an Agency of Natural Resources' certified commercial salt applicator shall not be liable for damages arising from hazards on real property owned, occupied, maintained, or operated by that person when:

(1) the hazards are caused solely by snow or ice; and

(2) any failure or delay in removing or mitigating the hazards is the result of the certified commercial salt applicator's implementation of the best management practices established under section 1352 of this title for application of salt or salt alternatives.

(b) The limitation on liability provided for under subsection (a) of this section shall not apply when the damages are due to gross negligence or reckless disregard of the hazard.

(c) A certified commercial salt applicator or a commercial salt applicator employed by a certified master commercial salt applicator is entitled to a rebuttable presumption that they are in compliance with the requirements of sections 1263 and 1264 of this title when applying salt or salt alternatives according to the best management practices established under section 1352 of this title. The rebuttable presumption under this subsection shall not apply to requirements of a total maximum daily load plan required under this chapter or the requirements of a municipal separate storm sewer system permit required under section 1264 of this title.

(d) In order to maintain the liability protection provided in subsection (a) of this section, a commercial salt applicator or an owner, an occupant, or a lessee of land shall keep a record describing its road, parking lot, and property maintenance practices, consistent with the requirements determined by the Secretary under this subchapter. The records shall include the type and rate of application of salt or salt alternatives used, the dates of treatment, and the weather conditions for each event requiring application of salt or salt alternatives. Such records shall be retained by the applicator for a period of three years.

#### § 1354. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

The Secretary of Natural Resources, through the staff of the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program, shall conduct education and outreach to inform:

(1) commercial salt applicators of the existence of the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program and the training and liability protection offered under the Program; and

(2) members of the public who purchase salt or salt alternatives for use on driveways, sidewalks, private roads, and other paved surfaces of the potential harm to water quality, pets, and wildlife from excessive application of salt and salt alternatives and how to decrease the potential harm.

### Sec. 3. ANR REPORT ON MANAGEMENT OF SALT AND SAND

#### STORAGE FACILITIES

On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall submit to the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Transportation and the House Committees on Environment and on Transportation a report regarding the management of State and municipal facilities (facilities) for the storage of salt, salt and sand mixtures, and sand that is not mixed with salt. The report shall include:

(1) an inventory of facilities in the State used for the storage of salt, salt and sand mixtures, or sand that is not mixed with salt;

(2) an estimated number of facilities that are currently covered;

(3) an estimate of the number of facilities that are not covered and are within 100 yards of a surface water or drinking water source;

(4) an estimate of the number of facilities that are not covered and are more than 100 yards from a surface water or drinking water source; and

(5) an estimate of the total cost to cover or move facilities for the storage of salt, salt and sand mixtures, or sand that is not mixed with salt, including a proposed annual amount of funding that would be required to meet the timelines for cover or management.

### Sec. 4. MUNICIPAL SALT APPLICATORS; VERMONT LOCAL ROADS

#### CURRICULUM

(a)(1) On or before July 1, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the Secretary of Transportation, shall identify and make changes to the voluntary Vermont Local Roads curriculum needed to support municipal salt applicators in meeting the purpose of this act, including training for best management practices for spreading salt on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks.

(2) As used in this subsection, “municipal salt applicator” means any individual who applies or supervises others who apply salt or salt alternatives in the applicator’s capacity as an employee or agent of a town or a municipality but does not include State employees.

(b)(1) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 901a to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2027, a municipal employee shall not be subject to any civil liability for acts or omission the employee conducts as a municipal salt applicator if:

(A) the municipal salt applicator completed the Vermont Local Roads curriculum providing best management practices for applying salt or salt alternatives on roads, parking lots, and sidewalks in the previous 365 days;

(B) the alleged damages are caused solely by hazards from snow or ice; and

(C) any failure or delay in removing or mitigating the hazards is the result of the municipal salt applicator's implementation of the best management practices learned under the Vermont Local Roads curriculum.

(2) The protection from liability provided under subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply when the damages are due to gross negligence or reckless disregard of the hazard.

(c) In order to maintain the liability protection provided in subsection (b) of this section, a municipality shall keep a record describing its road, parking lot, and property maintenance practices, consistent with the requirements determined by the Secretary under the Vermont Local Roads curriculum. The records shall include the type and rate of application of salt or salt alternatives used, the dates of treatment, and the weather conditions for each event requiring application of salt or salt alternatives. Such records shall be retained by the municipality for a period of three years.

#### Sec. 5. FEE REPORT

On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall solicit interest from third-party vendors for training and certifying commercial salt applicators under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3A. If there is insufficient interest from vendors, the Secretary shall submit to the Senate Committees on Natural Resources and Energy and on Finance and the House Committees on Environment and on Ways and Means a recommended fee to charge for certification of commercial applicators under 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3A.

#### Sec. 6. AUTHORIZED POSITION; APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In addition to other positions authorized at the Agency of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2026, a permanent classified position is authorized for the purpose of administering the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program in 10 V.S.A. chapter 47, subchapter 3A.

(b) In addition to any other funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2026, \$150,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources for the permanent classified position authorized under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) It is the intention of the General Assembly that the appropriation in subsection (b) of this section shall be made annually for the identified purposes.

(d) In addition to any other funds appropriated to the Agency of Natural Resources in fiscal year 2026, up to \$250,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Natural Resources for the purpose of contracting with an external organization to establish a certification training program. This certification program will be funded on an ongoing basis by certification fees charged to commercial salt applicators and attendees.

#### Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

**(Committee Vote: 7-4-0)**

#### **Favorable**

#### **H. 364**

An act relating to approval of the annexation of property by the Village of Swanton

**Rep. Hango of Berkshire**, for the Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, recommends the bill ought to pass.

**(Committee Vote: 10-0-1)**

**Rep. Higley of Lowell**, for the Committee on Ways and Means, recommends the bill ought to pass.

**(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)**

#### **Senate Proposal of Amendment**

#### **H. 398**

An act relating to the Vermont Economic Development Authority

The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill as follows:

First: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, in section 254, in the section heading, by striking out the word “STATE” and inserting in lieu thereof “STATE AUTHORITY”

Second: In Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, in section 280gg, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a)(1) There is established within the Authority the Vermont Disaster Recovery Loan Fund, referred to in this subchapter as “the Fund,” the purpose of which is to enable the Authority to provide loans and other forms of financial assistance to businesses, including agricultural and forest product enterprises, after disasters.

(2) The Authority shall consult with the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development; the Secretary of Agriculture, Food and Markets; and the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation in determining whether funds shall be made available following a nondeclared disaster event impacting areas of the State. A consultation shall not be required in the event of a disaster declaration declared by the Governor or the President of the United States.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR FOR NOTICE**

### **Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rules 16a - 16d**

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration in that member’s chamber prior to adjournment of the next legislative day. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Senate Secretary’s Office or the House Clerk’s Office, as applicable. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar.

#### **H.C.R. 109**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the South Burlington Chapter of Rotary International on 40 years of exemplary community service and professional camaraderie

#### **H.C.R. 110**

House concurrent resolution designating April 2025 as Black Maternal Care Awareness Month in Vermont

#### **H.C.R. 111**

House concurrent resolution designating May 18, 2025 as Grand Army of the Republic Highway Day in Vermont

**H.C.R. 112**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra for a quarter century of delightful and informative classical music performances and related cultural endeavors in central Vermont

**H.C.R. 113**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the winning teams at the 2025 Jr Iron Chef VT competition

**H.C.R. 114**

House concurrent resolution honoring Deborah J. Aldrich for 42 years of extraordinary municipal public service in the Town of Chester

**H.C.R. 115**

House concurrent resolution congratulating the 2025 Danville High School Bears Division IV championship boys' basketball team

**H.C.R. 116**

House concurrent resolution commemorating the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War

**H.C.R. 117**

House concurrent resolution congratulating Essex Middle School science teacher Andrew Kasprisin on his designation as the 2025 Vermont finalist for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

**H.C.R. 118**

House concurrent resolution commending Team Trumie and Truman Compton for their advocacy, community engagement, and fostering of public awareness and acceptance of autism

**For Informational Purposes**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Vermont Senate Committee on Government Operations and the Vermont House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs will hold a public hearing on Veteran's Affairs on **Wednesday, April 30, 2025 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. in Room 11 at the State House.**

**The hearing will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link.**



YouTube livestream:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-government-operations-and-military-affairs>

### **H.C.R. REQUEST DEADLINE**

All requests for a 2025 House Concurrent Resolution should be submitted to Michael Chernick in the Office of Legislative Counsel by noon on **Friday, April 25, 2025**.

### **CROSSOVER DATES**

The Joint Rules Committee established the following crossover dates:

(1) All **Senate/House** bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before **Friday, March 14, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

(2) All **Senate/House** bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before **Friday, March 21, 2025**, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

**Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill, and the Fee/Revenue bills).**

### **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION (H.C.R.) PROCESS**

Joint Rules 16a–16d provide the procedure for the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions pursuant to the Consent Calendar. Here are the steps for Representatives to introduce an H.C.R. and to have it ceremonially read during a House session:

1. Meet with Legislative Counselor Michael Chernick regarding your H.C.R. draft request. Come prepared with an idea and any relevant supporting documents.

2. Have a date in mind if you want a ceremonial reading. You should meet with Counselor Chernick at least two weeks prior to the week you want your ceremonial reading to happen.
3. Counselor Chernick will draft your H.C.R., and Resolutions Editor and Coordinator Jill Pralle will edit it. Upon completion of this process, a paper or electronic copy will be released to you. If a paper copy is released to you, a sponsor signout sheet will also be included.
4. Please submit the sponsor list to Counselor Chernick by paper *or* electronically, but not both.
5. The final list of sponsors needs to be submitted to Counselor Chernick not later than 12:00 noon the Thursday of the week prior to the H.C.R.'s appearance on the Consent Calendar.
6. The Office of Legislative Counsel will then send your H.C.R. to the House Clerk's Office for incorporation into the Consent Calendar and House Calendar Addendum for the following week.
7. The week that your H.C.R. is on the Consent Calendar, any presentation copies that you requested will be mailed or available for pickup on Friday, after the House and Senate adjourn, which is when your H.C.R. is adopted pursuant to Joint Rules.
8. Your H.C.R. can be ceremonially read during a House session once it is adopted. If you would like to schedule a ceremonial reading, contact Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord to confirm your requested ceremonial reading date.

### **JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE NOTICES**

Grants and Positions that have been submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee by the Administration, under 32 V.S.A. §5(b)(3)(D):

**JFO #3244:** \$2,335,401.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Funds support continued crisis counseling assistance and training in response to the July 2024 flood event. *[Received February 7, 2025]*

**JFO #3245:** \$250,000.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Health from the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. Funds used to provide trainings for crisis staff and to make improvements to the State's crisis system dispatch platform. *[Received February 7, 2025]*

- JFO #3246:** 125+ acre land donation valued at \$184,830.00 from Pieter Van Schaik of Cavendish, VT to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. The acreage will become part of the Lord State Forest. *[Received March 24, 2025]*
- JFO #3247:** \$2,875,419.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families to support families affected by the July 2024 flood event. The request includes three (3) limited-service positions. Two (2) Emergency Management Specialists to the AHS central office and one (1) Grants and Contract Manager to the Department of Children and Families Positions funded through June 30, 2027. *[Received 04/10/2025, expedited review requested 04/10/2025]*
- JFO #3248:** \$35,603.00 to the Vermont Department of Libraries from the Vermont Community Foundation and the dissolution of the VT Public Library Foundation. The grant will provide modest grants to VT libraries with a preference for smaller libraries and for programs and projects that support children and diversity. *[Received April 10, 2025]*
- JFO #3249:** \$22,117.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Department of Corrections to ensure compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). *[Received April 10, 2025]*
- JFO #3250:** \$391,666.00 to the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from the Northern Border Regional Commission. Funds will support the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaboration (VOREC) Program Director as well as VOREC initiatives. *[Received April 11, 2025]*
- JFO #3251:** \$50,000.00 to the Agency of Human Services, Central Office from the National Governor's Association. The funds will support state-side improvements of service-to-career pathways, with a focus on emergency responders. *[Received April 11, 2025]*
- JFO #3252:** \$10,000,000.00 to the Vermont Department of Libraries from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Public Facilities Preservation Initiative grant will provide smaller grants to rural libraries for the completion of necessary capital improvement projects. *[Received April 11, 2025]*