

House Calendar

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ACTION CALENDAR

Favorable with Amendment

H. 710

An act relating to defining electricity generating facilities

Rep. Kleppner of Burlington, for the Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 30 V.S.A. § 8002 is amended to read:

§ 8002. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter:

* * *

(18) “Plant” means an independent technical facility that generates electricity from renewable energy. ~~A group of facilities, such as wind turbines, shall be considered one plant if the group is part of the same project and uses common equipment and infrastructure such as roads, control facilities, and connections to the electric grid. Common ownership, contiguity in time of construction, and proximity of facilities to each other shall be relevant to determining whether a group of facilities is part of the same project. Multiple electricity-generating facilities, regardless of when each is constructed, shall be considered one plant if the facilities use the same electricity-generating technology and are located on the same parcel or contiguous parcels of land.~~ Such facilities shall only be considered separate plants if they meet one of the following exceptions:

(A) Exception for individual net-metering and self-consumption. Applies if the facilities:

(i) are not located on the same parcel of land;

(ii) are wired to offset consumption on separate billing meters;

and

(iii) supply different retail customers.

(B) Exception for multi-owner individual net-metering on the same parcel. Applies if the facilities:

(i) are located on the same parcel of land where a common interest community is located;

(ii) are wired to offset consumption on separate billing meters;
and

(iii) supply different retail customers.

(C) Exception for colocation of facilities other than net-metering program or Standard Offer Program facilities. Applies if the facilities have separate points of interconnection if:

(i) a net-metering facility and a Standard Offer Program facility are not sited on the same parcel or contiguous parcels; and

(ii) the statutory capacity cap for the net-metering program or the Standard Offer Program is not exceeded on the same parcel or contiguous parcels.

* * *

(33) “Common interest community” means real estate described in a declaration with respect to which a person, by virtue of the person’s ownership of a unit, is obligated to pay for a share of real estate taxes on, insurance premiums, maintenance, or improvement of, or services or other expenses related to common elements, other units, or other real estate than that unit described in the declaration.

(34) “Contiguous” means sharing a property boundary with another parcel of land or being adjacent to that parcel of land and the two parcels are separated only by a road, recreation path, railway line, stream, or river.

(35) “Electricity-generating technology” means a method or system used to convert energy from one form into electric power, including wind, hydropower or water, solar, or biomass.

(36) “Point of interconnection” means the point on the interconnecting utility’s existing distribution system to which a facility proposes to interconnect.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 6-3-0)

NOTICE CALENDAR
Favorable with Amendment

H. 757

An act relating to manufactured homes and limited equity cooperatives

Rep. Pezzo of Colchester, for the Committee on General and Housing, recommends that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Manufactured Homes * * *

Sec. 1. 9 V.S.A. chapter 72 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 72. MOBILE HOMES

§ 2601. DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise, “mobile home” means:

(1) A mobile home as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6201.

(2) An unmotorized vehicle, other than a travel or recreational trailer, designed to be towed and designed or equipped for use as sleeping, eating, or living quarters.

(b) A mobile home remains a mobile home for purposes of this chapter even though it may be used for advertising, sales, display, or promotion of merchandise or services, or for any other commercial purposes except the transportation of property.

(c) A mobile home that was financed as residential real estate shall be defined as residential real estate.

(d) “Permanently sited” means the mobile home has become affixed to the land. Factors that tend to show a mobile home is permanently sited include one or more of the following:

(1) The mobile home has been set up on blocks or otherwise stabilized so that the wheels do not form a major part of the structural support.

(2) The mobile home has been connected to utilities such as electricity, sewage, water, gas, or oil.

(3) Skirting has been installed around the base of the mobile home.

(4) The wheels or axles have been removed.

(5) The mobile home has been situated in a place that makes removal unlikely.

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§ 2604. REAL ESTATE DEEDS FOR MOBILE HOMES

(a) Any mobile home purchased from a mobile home dealer on or after July 1, 2008, that is financed as residential real estate pursuant to subsection 2603(b) of this title shall be conveyed by a warranty deed ~~drafted in substantially the form provided in subsection (e) of this section~~.

(b) An owner of a mobile home ~~shall that is permanently sited may, upon financing or refinancing a mobile home as residential real estate or selling a mobile home that has been financed as residential real estate or will be so financed by the grantee, issue to the grantee either a warranty deed or a quitclaim deed that is drafted in substantially the form provided in subsection (e) or (d) of this section.~~

(c) ~~A warranty deed that is substantially in the form provided in this subsection shall, when duly executed and delivered, have the force and effect of a deed in fee simple to the grantee, the heirs, successors, and assigns, to their own use, with covenants on the part of the grantor, for the grantor, the grantor's heirs, executors, and administrators that, at the time of the delivery of the deed, the grantor was lawfully seized in fee simple of the mobile home; that the mobile home was free from all encumbrances, except as stated; that the grantor had good right to sell and convey the same to the grantee, the grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns; and that the grantor and the grantor's heirs, executors, and administrators shall warrant and defend the same to the grantee and the grantee's heirs, successors, and assigns, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons except as stated. No owner of land on which a mobile home is sited shall unreasonably withhold the consent required by this statutory form A warranty deed described in this subsection may take the following form.~~

Form for Mobile Home Warranty Deed

_____, of _____, _____ County, State of _____, ("Grantor"), for consideration paid, grants to _____ of Street, Town (City) of _____, _____ County, State of _____ ("Grantee"), with warranty covenants, the _____ (description of mobile home being conveyed: name of manufacturer, model and serial number, and encumbrances, exceptions, reservations, if any) which mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, at _____ (state name of park, if any, and street address), Town (City) of _____, _____ County, State of Vermont.

The tract or parcel of land upon which the mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, is owned by _____ by deed dated and recorded at Book _____, Page _____ in the land records of the Town (City) of _____.

_____ (wife) (husband) of said Grantor, releases to said Grantee all rights and other interests therein.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Here add acknowledgment)

_____, owner of the tract or parcel of land upon which the aforesaid mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, hereby consents to the conveyance of the mobile home.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Here add acknowledgment)

[] Check box if the mobile home has been relocated from one site to another within Vermont, and attach a Relocation Statement in the form provided in section 2606 of this title.

(d) A quitclaim deed that is substantially in the form provided in this subsection shall, when duly executed and delivered, have the force and effect of a deed in fee simple to the grantee, the heirs, successors, and assigns, to their own use subject to encumbrances of record. No owner of land on which the mobile home is sited shall unreasonably withhold consent required by this statutory form A warranty deed described in this subsection may take the following form.

Form for Mobile Home Quitclaim Deed

_____, of _____, _____ County, State of _____ ("Grantor"), for consideration paid, grants to _____ of _____ Street, Town (City) of _____, _____ County, State of _____ ("Grantee"), with quitclaim covenants, the (description of mobile home being conveyed: name of manufacturer, model and serial number, and encumbrances, exceptions, reservations, if any) which mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, at _____ (state name of park, if any, and street address), Town (City) of _____ County, State of Vermont.

The tract or parcel of land upon which the mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, is owned by _____ by deed dated _____ and recorded at Book _____, Page _____, in the land records of the Town (City) of _____.

_____ (wife) (husband) of said Grantor releases to said Grantee all rights and other interest therein.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Here add acknowledgment)

_____, owner of the parcel of land upon which the aforesaid mobile home is situated, or is to be situated, hereby consents to the conveyance of the mobile home.

Signed this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Here add acknowledgment)

[] Check box if the mobile home has been relocated from one site to another within Vermont, and attach a relocation statement in the form provided in section 2606 of this title.

(e) Nothing in this section shall prevent a mobile home owner from conveying a mobile home by a bill of sale pursuant to section 2602 of this title or financing or refinancing a mobile home pursuant to section 2603 of this title, notwithstanding whether the mobile home was previously conveyed, financed, or refinanced as residential real estate.

§ 2605. MOBILE HOME BILL OF SALE CONVERSION PROCESS

~~The owner of any mobile home that was initially financed pursuant to a motor vehicle loan, motor vehicle retail installment contract, or another form of chattel mortgage shall, if the mobile home is subsequently financed as residential real estate pursuant to subsection 2603(b) of this title, file a request for purging of the security interest with the clerk of the municipality where the chattel mortgage for the mobile home was last recorded.~~

~~(1) A request to purge the security interest of a mobile home shall include the most recent Vermont uniform bill of sale or certificate of origin, the terminated UCC financing statement or statements, and an executed warranty or quitclaim deed, which shall be drafted substantially in the form provided in section 2604 of this title.~~

~~(2) Upon the filing of a request to purge the security interest of a mobile home with the clerk of the municipality where the chattel mortgage for the mobile home was last recorded, and upon the owner's procuring the consent of the holders of any security interest in the mobile home shown to be unreleased, the mobile home shall become residential real estate.~~

~~(3) Upon receiving a request to purge the security interest of a mobile home, the municipal clerk shall mark or stamp the originally filed Vermont uniform bill of sale or certificate of origin with the word "converted."~~

~~(4) A mobile home that has been converted to residential real estate shall not be converted or redefined as personal property. [Repealed.]~~

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* * * Limited Equity Cooperatives * * *

Sec. 2. 11 V.S.A. § 1583 is amended to read:

§ 1583. DEFINITIONS

The definitions contained in Title 11A shall apply to this chapter. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated, unless the context otherwise requires:

* * *

(16) "Mobile home park" has the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 6201.

Sec. 3. 11 V.S.A. § 1598 is amended to read:

§ 1598. LIMITED EQUITY COOPERATIVES

(a) A cooperative housing corporation may organize as a limited equity cooperative in order to fulfill the public purpose of providing and preserving housing for persons and households of low and moderate income at the time that they purchase their memberships. In addition to safeguarding the foregoing public purpose, a limited equity cooperative shall meet the following requirements:

(1) The articles of incorporation shall require that cooperative interests be sold at not more than a transfer value determined by a limited equity formula contained in the articles. That value shall be consistent with the object of maintaining long-term affordability of cooperative interests for persons or households of low and moderate income.

(2) A limited equity formula, once established by a cooperative housing corporation in its articles of incorporation, may be amended only if that amendment does not make the cooperative membership unaffordable for the class of low- or moderate-income households for which the cooperative housing corporation was originally incorporated, as determined and certified by the Commissioner of Housing and Community Affairs Development. A cooperative housing corporation once organized under this section may not reorganize as other than a limited equity cooperative without first dissolving.

(3) A limited equity cooperative shall not sell all or substantially all of its assets if such sale is intended to circumvent the public purposes of this section.

(4) The articles of incorporation shall require that the cooperative housing corporation shall have the first right to repurchase a member's cooperative interest.

(5) The articles of incorporation shall require that the total distribution out of capital to a member shall not exceed that transfer value.

(6) The articles of incorporation shall require that upon dissolution of the cooperative housing corporation, any assets remaining after retirement of corporate debts and distribution to members shall be distributed to a charitable organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a public agency, or another limited equity cooperative whose formula for determining transfer value shall be not less restrictive than that of the cooperative housing corporation being dissolved.

(7) The articles of incorporation shall require that no sublease of a unit shall provide for monthly payments by the sublessee in excess of 110 percent of monthly payments for the unit provided for in the proprietary lease.

(8) Notwithstanding subdivision (7) of this subsection (a), for a mobile home park organized as a limited equity cooperative, the articles of incorporation shall:

(A) prohibit the subleasing of a unit, unless:

(i) a member demonstrates a hardship, in which case the board of directors may by an affirmative vote of the majority grant an exemption from the prohibition; and

(ii) the unit is subleased to an individual of low or moderate income; and

(B) require that a unit owner shall not sublease a unit under this subdivision (8) for a higher amount than necessary to cover the costs of the unit to the member, including the costs of the monthly payment for the unit provided for in the proprietary lease, the costs of any mortgage for the unit owner, and any costs of utilities passed on to the sublessee.

(b) A mobile home park organized as a limited equity cooperative shall be treated for the purposes of State funding and grants as if it were incorporated as a State nonprofit corporation for a public purpose and public benefit under the laws of this State. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to alter or

change specific funding or grant requirements, including the definition of low or moderate income, as outlined in any program, funding, or grant source.

* * * Municipal Zoning * * *

Sec. 4. 24 V.S.A. § 4412 is amended to read:

§ 4412. REQUIRED PROVISIONS AND PROHIBITED EFFECTS

Notwithstanding any existing bylaw, the following land development provisions shall apply in every municipality:

- (1) Equal treatment of housing and required provisions for affordable housing.

* * *

(B) Except as provided in subdivisions 4414(1)(E) and (F) of this title, no bylaw shall have the effect of excluding mobile homes, modular housing, or prefabricated housing from any district that allows year-round residential development in the municipality, except upon the same terms and conditions as conventional housing is excluded. A municipality may establish specific site standards in the bylaws to regulate individual sites within preexisting mobile home parks with regard to distances between structures and other standards as necessary to ensure public health, safety, and welfare, provided the standards do not have the effect of prohibiting the replacement of mobile homes on existing lots.

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* * * Sales and Use Tax Exemption * * *

Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 9706(s) is amended to read:

- (s) The statutory purpose of the exemption for sales of mobile homes and modular housing in subdivision 9741(32)(A) of this title is to create equity between mobile and modular housing and traditional residential construction by providing an exemption for the estimated portion of the cost attributable to labor (versus materials). The statutory purpose of the exemption for sales of mobile homes in subdivision 9741(32)(B) of this title is to ensure that all sales of mobile homes, as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6201, are treated similarly for purposes of the property transfer tax imposed under chapter 231 of this title.

Sec. 6. 32 V.S.A. § 9741 is amended to read:

§ 9741. SALES NOT COVERED

Retail sales and use of the following shall be exempt from the tax on retail sales imposed under section 9771 of this title and the use tax imposed under section 9773 of this title:

* * *

(32)(A) Forty percent of the receipts from sales of mobile homes, as defined in 9 V.S.A. § 2601(a)(2), and modular housing, when they are sold as tangible personal property.

(B) Sales of mobile homes, as defined in 10 V.S.A. § 6201, when sold as tangible personal property.

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* * * Property Transfer Tax * * *

Sec. 7. 32 V.S.A. § 9601 is amended to read:

§ 9601. DEFINITIONS

As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

* * *

(5) “Transfer” includes a grant, assignment, conveyance, will, trust, decree of court, transfer or acquisition of a direct or indirect controlling interest in any person with title to property, or any other means of transferring title to property or vesting title to property in any person. In the case of a mobile home sold as tangible personal property, “transfer” includes a sale.

(6)(A) “Value” means:

(i) in the case of any transfer of title to property that is not a gift and that is not made for a nominal or no consideration, the amount of the full actual consideration for such transfer, paid or to be paid, including the amount of any liens or encumbrances on the property existing before the transfer and not removed thereby;

(ii) in the case of a gift, or a transfer for nominal or no consideration, the fair market value of the property transferred; and

(iii) in the case of a controlling interest in any person that has title to property, the fair market value of the property, apportioned based on the percentage of the ownership interest transferred or acquired in the person; and

(iv) in the case of a mobile home sold as tangible personal property, the amount of the full actual consideration for such sale, paid or to be paid, including the amount of any liens or encumbrances on the tangible personal property existing before the sale and not removed thereby.

* * *

(10) "Property" means real property and, in the case of a mobile home sold as tangible personal property, tangible personal property. The term does not include personal property transferred with real property other than a mobile home.

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(13) "Mobile home" has the same meaning as in 10 V.S.A. § 6201.

Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 9602 is amended to read:

§ 9602. TAX ON TRANSFER OF TITLE TO PROPERTY

A tax is hereby imposed upon the transfer by deed of title to property located in this State, ~~or~~ a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in any person with title to property in this State, or the sale of a mobile home as tangible personal property in this State. The amount of the tax equals 1.25 percent of the value of the property transferred, or \$1.00, whichever is greater, except as follows:

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Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 9605 is amended to read:

§ 9605. PAYMENT OF TAX

(a) The tax imposed by this chapter shall be paid to the Commissioner within 30 days after transfer of title to property subject to the tax ~~or;~~ in the case of a transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in a person with title to property for which a deed is not given, within 30 days after transfer or acquisition; or, in the case of a sale of a mobile home as tangible personal property, within 30 days after sale.

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Sec. 10. 32 V.S.A. § 9606 is amended to read:

§ 9606. PROPERTY TRANSFER RETURN

(a)(1) In the case of property transfer by deed, a property transfer return complying with this section shall be delivered to a town clerk at the time a deed evidencing a transfer of title to property is delivered to the clerk for recording.

(2) In the case of transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in a person with title to property for which a deed is not given, a property transfer return complying with this section shall be delivered to the Commissioner within 30 days after the transfer or acquisition.

(3) In the case of sale of a mobile home as tangible personal property, a property transfer return complying with this section shall be delivered to a town clerk at the time an executed mobile home uniform bill of sale is filed with the clerk.

* * *

(e)(1) In the case of property transferred by deed, the Commissioner of Taxes is authorized to disclose to any person any information appearing on a property transfer tax return, including statistical information derived therefrom, and such information derived from research into information appearing on property transfer tax returns as is necessary to determine if the property being transferred is subject to 10 V.S.A. chapter 151, except the Commissioner shall not disclose the Social Security number, federal identification number, e-mail email address, or telephone number of any person pursuant to this subsection.

(2) In the case of transfer or acquisition of a controlling interest in a person with title to property for which a deed is not given or the sale of a mobile home as tangible personal property, the return submitted to the Commissioner shall be treated as a tax return and tax return information under section 3102 of this title.

Sec. 11. 32 V.S.A. § 9607 is amended to read:

§ 9607. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RETURN AND TAX PAYMENT

Upon the receipt by a town clerk of a property transfer return and certificate and the fee required under subdivision 1671(a)(6) of this title, the clerk shall forthwith mail or otherwise deliver to the transferee of title to property or purchaser of a mobile home as tangible personal property with respect to which such return was filed a signed and written acknowledgment of the receipt of that return and certificate. A copy of that acknowledgment, or any other form of acknowledgment approved by the Commissioner, shall be affixed to the deed evidencing the transfer of property, or the document evidencing the transfer or acquisition of a direct or indirect controlling interest in any person with title to property, or the mobile home uniform bill of sale with respect to which the return and certificate was filed. The acknowledgment so affixed to a deed, or document, or bill of sale, however, shall not disclose the amount of tax paid with respect to any return or transfer.

* * * MHLEC Appraisals * * *

Sec. 12. MOBILE HOME LIMITED EQUITY COOPERATIVES; APPRAISED VALUE; REPORT

On or before November 15, 2026, the Department of Taxes shall submit a written report to the House Committees on General and Housing and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Finance with an inventory and analysis of the current appraised value of each mobile home park registered as a limited equity cooperative under 11 V.S.A. chapter 14. The report shall include:

- (1) a description of the different appraisal methods used across the State;
- (2) an examination of any justifications for differences in approach; and
- (3) recommendations for ensuring consistent and appropriate appraisal, taking into consideration the limitations under 11 V.S.A. § 1598.

* * * Secretary of State Business Registration * * *

Sec. 13. SECRETARY OF STATE BUSINESS REGISTRATION

The Secretary of State may, upon request from a limited equity cooperative organized in accordance with 11 V.S.A. § 1598, update the limited equity cooperative's registration to ensure proper reflection of the limited equity cooperative's corporate business organization structure within the Secretary of State's systems.

* * * Conforming Revisions * * *

Sec. 14. CONFORMING REVISIONS

When preparing the Vermont Statutes Annotated for publication, the Office of Legislative Counsel shall replace "mobile home" with "manufactured home" throughout the statutes as needed for consistency with this act, provided the revisions have no other effect on the meaning of the affected statutes.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

(Committee Vote: 8-0-3)

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 790

An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

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

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

Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

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

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

Sec. B.126 Legislature

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

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

Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

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

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

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

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

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

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

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

General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
Total	<u>9,500,000</u>	11,000,000

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

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

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

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

Sec. B.145 Total general government

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

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

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

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

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

Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

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

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

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

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

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

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

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

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

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	5,116,729	5,686,729
Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	2,098,944
Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
Source of funds		
General fund	1,929,676	2,499,676
Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740

Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
Total	<u>7,215,673</u>	<u>7,785,673</u>

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

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

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

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

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council

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

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

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

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

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

Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

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

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

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

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

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

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

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

Personal services	17,333,398	17,333,398
Operating expenses	<u>11,231,120</u>	7,199,632
Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
Total	<u>32,359,720</u>	28,328,232
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>15,569,598</u>	13,465,739
Special funds	135,517	135,517
Federal funds	<u>14,023,964</u>	12,096,335
Global Commitment fund	2,510,857	2,510,857
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>	<u>119,784</u>
Total	<u>32,359,720</u>	28,328,232

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>	44,593,047
Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	44,593,047
Source of funds		
General fund	43,467,770	43,636,779

Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>	<u>30,956,268</u>
Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>

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

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

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

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

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

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

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

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services	<u>12,456,526</u>	13,271,526
Operating expenses	2,420,029	2,522,590
Grants	<u>279,691,678</u>	<u>282,916,053</u>
Total	<u>294,568,233</u>	298,710,169
Source of funds		
General fund	<u>13,127,716</u>	15,280,378

Special funds	6,836	6,836
Federal funds	13,158,032	12,800,308
Global Commitment fund	266,967,840	269,314,838
Interdepartmental transfers	1,307,809	1,307,809
Total	294,568,233	298,710,169

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Personal services	49,175,153	49,175,153
Operating expenses	5,497,038	5,497,038
Grants	100,541,760	101,623,888
Total	155,213,951	156,296,079
Source of funds		
General fund	63,680,993	63,041,558
Special funds	729,150	729,150

Federal funds	37,407,542	38,588,277
Global Commitment fund	53,381,266	53,922,094
Interdepartmental transfers	15,000	15,000
Total	155,213,951	156,296,079

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>	<u>34,302,585</u>
Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406
Source of funds		
General fund	24,035,417	21,805,139
Special funds	<u>5,970,229</u>	6,106,068
Federal funds	<u>2,806,330</u>	2,670,491
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
Total	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>

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

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

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

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

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

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

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

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

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

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

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

Personal services	24,048,875	24,048,875
Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>	<u>6,913,887</u>
Total	30,962,762	30,962,762

Source of funds		
General fund	10,033,214	8,998,647
Special funds	12,799,530	13,834,097
Federal funds	8,130,018	8,130,018
Total	30,962,762	30,962,762

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

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	1,428,803,059	1,461,151,849
Special funds	231,430,533	232,655,939
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
Federal funds	1,946,078,413	1,993,089,108
Global Commitment fund	2,148,606,890	2,213,122,801
Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
Permanent trust funds	25,000	25,000
Total	5,842,204,818	5,987,305,620

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

Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

Grants	18,500,000	17,500,000
Total	18,500,000	17,500,000
Source of funds		
Education fund	18,500,000	17,500,000
Total	18,500,000	17,500,000

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

Sec. B.516 Total general education

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. B.713 Land use review board

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

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

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

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

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

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

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

(1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

(2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an additional year;

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

(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

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

(1) \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program as established per Sec. E.142.2 of this act. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and

(2) \$500,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a) or any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of inventorying and creating a property valuation model for communications properties. These

funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

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

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(2) \$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee; and

(3) \$514,875 General Fund and \$735,125 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for the first year of implementation of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency's request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;

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

(5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for a one-time payment increase for nonemergency medical transportation funding.

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

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

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

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

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

(9) notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund and \$192,000 General Fund for distribution to

recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as follows:

- (A) \$45,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield;
- (B) \$50,000 to Journey to Recovery Community Center;
- (C) \$70,000 to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County;
- (D) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County;
- (E) \$105,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington;

and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing

and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community-based services; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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

(A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of \$36,964,250 ~~\$36,471,750~~ to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be restored.

(3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of \$10,000,705 ~~\$9,872,655~~ from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the \$10,000,705 ~~\$9,872,655~~ shall be allocated as follows:

(A) ~~\$7,740,546~~ \$7,641,435 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) ~~\$1,260,089~~ \$1,243,955 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

(C) ~~\$1,000,070~~ \$987,265 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. 53. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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(I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$1,059,324 needed by the Department of Public Safety for deficit mitigation.

(i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this be a one-time transfer to prevent the Criminal History Records Check Fund from incurring a deficit due to salary and benefit costs at the Department of Public Safety's Vermont Crime Information Center. As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Public Safety shall submit a sustainability plan for the Criminal History Records Check Fund or any proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit costs, or both.

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

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

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

of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be \$3,800,000 \$3,935,438.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

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1260892201 TRE – Bond Redemption	\$6,000,000.00
<u>1210892401 LEG-Basic Needs Budget Members</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
<u>1220892402 JFO-Renewable Energy Standard</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>

<u>1220892403 JFO-Basic Needs Budget Assist</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
<u>5100892211 AOE-License Data Management</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

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(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following amount shall revert to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund from the account indicated:

<u>3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$1,500.38</u>
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Sec. 55. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

(1) General Fund.

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

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(4) Education Fund.

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

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

Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

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

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(2) Land Use Review Board:

(A) one Executive Director.

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

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

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(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a total estimated sum of \$27,887,533 \$27,868,051 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds as follows:

(1) \$24,714,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$35,286,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

(2) \$3,173,533 \$3,154,051 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

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Sec. 58. 32 V.S.A. § 308f is added to read:

§ 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE

(a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.

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

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

(d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be greater than the actual receipts due to the Child Care

Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in accordance with section 308c of this title.

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

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

§ 10554. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND

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

(b) The Fund shall consist of:

- (1) contributions collected or recovered pursuant to section 10553 of this title;
- (2) any amounts transferred or appropriated to the Fund by the General Assembly; and
- (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

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

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

§ 41. CREATION OF COMMITTEE; PURPOSE

(a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management across the offices of the General Assembly and shall coordinate the operations of the Office of Legislative Operations in its delivery of shared administrative services to the legislative offices and the General Assembly.

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

§ 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

§ 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE

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

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

§ 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE
HOUSE

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

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

§ 693. ASSISTANCE

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

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

§ 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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

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

§ 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

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(f) Assistance. The Committee shall have assistance from the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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Sec. 67. 3 V.S.A. § 23 is amended to read:

§ 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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(e) Staff services. The Commission shall be entitled to staff services of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

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Sec. 68. 3 V.S.A. § 817 is amended to read:

§ 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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(b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel and ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

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

§ 4. JUSTICES

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

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

§ 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

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

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

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

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

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(3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a magistrate is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the magistrate has succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision (2) of this subsection or when notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall notify the President of the Senate,

the Speaker of the House, and the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

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

§ 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

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

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

§ 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

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(b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

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

§ 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive

reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive reimbursement of actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in circumstances or for another compelling reason.

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

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

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Sec. 76. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS; REPEAL

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

Sec. 77. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

(a) HIV/AIDS funding:

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(2) In fiscal year 2026, and as provided by this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 \$340,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:

- (A) Vermont CARES: \$140,000 \$165,000;
- (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$100,000 \$115,000; and
- (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$55,000 \$60,000.

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

(2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act, or in the event the State or its municipalities incur extraordinary public safety costs necessitated by increased federal action in Vermont. The General Assembly may designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;
- (4) \$90,000 to the Homeless Prevention Center;
- (5) \$1,000 to the NewStory Center;
- (6) \$60,000 to the Springfield Supported Housing Program;
- (7) \$50,000 to Upper Valley Haven;
- (8) \$20,000 to the Good Samaritan Haven;
- (9) \$10,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;
- (10) \$381,088 to BROC Community Action;
- (11) \$184,783 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action;
- (12) \$308,910 to Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity; and
- (13) \$160,000 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action.

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

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

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

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Sec. 83. DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM; IMPLEMENTATION

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

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

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

(c)(1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Agency of Human Services and the Departments of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living and of Vermont Health Access shall convene a meeting with the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or their designees, and with the designated and specialized service agencies and other key members of the developmental disabilities services delivery system. At the meeting, the parties shall discuss efforts that support the growth of a sustainable developmental service delivery system in which:

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

(B) Medicaid compliance is assured; and

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

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

(d) On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall submit a written progress report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare detailing recommended solutions, anticipated fiscal impacts to the designated and specialized service agencies, implementation timelines, and compliance safeguards, including how measures, such as the transitional utilization methodology, shall ensure continuity of care, prevent service disruption, and mitigate Medicaid

compliance risks for providers and the State during the first year of payment reform implementation, to the extent permitted under federal Medicaid rules.

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

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

§ 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON HOSPITAL CHARGES

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(d) This section shall not apply to:

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

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

Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. E.333.1 DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES PAYMENT REFORM;
FUNDING

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

Sec. 89. CARRYFORWARD

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

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

Sec. 90. EFFECTIVE DATE

(a) This act shall take effect on passage.

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

For Informational Purposes
NOTICE OF JOINT ASSEMBLY

Thursday, February 19, 2026 - 10:30 A.M. – House Chamber – Election of an Adjutant and Inspector General, and of two (2) trustees for the Vermont State Colleges Corporation.

Candidates for the positions of Adjutant and Inspector General, and legislative candidates for Vermont State Colleges Corporation trustees must notify the Secretary of State **in writing** of their candidacies not later than Thursday, February 12, 2026, by 4:00 P.M., pursuant to the provisions of 2 V.S.A. §12(b). Otherwise their names will not appear on the ballots for these positions.

The following rules shall apply to the conduct of these elections:

First: All nominations for these offices will be presented in alphabetical order prior to voting.

Second: There will be only one nominating speech of not more than three (3) minutes and not more than two seconding speeches of not more than one (1) minute each for each nominee.

ANNOUNCEMENT: JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON
THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED FY 2027 BUDGET

The Vermont House and Senate Committees on Appropriations will hold two **joint public hearings on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 1:45 p.m. and Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** in Room 11 of the State House. Interested parties may attend the hearing in person or virtually.

The Committees will take testimony on the Governor's recommended budget at the above dates and times. **Anyone interested in testifying must sign up in advance of the hearings through the following online form not later than 10:00 a.m. on February 12, 2026, for the first hearing, and 10:00 a.m. on February 19, 2026, for the second hearing.** Registration will be first-come, first-served and will be limited to 40 people on each date. For those planning to testify, instructions on how to access and participate in the hearing will be sent once you have signed up for the hearing.

Online sign-up form: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/links/public-hearing-on-fy27-budget>

For those not planning to testify, the hearings will be available to watch live on YouTube at the following link:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/house-appropriations>

Written testimony is encouraged and can be submitted electronically through email at testimony@vtleg.gov or mailed to the House Committee on Appropriations, c/o Autumn Crabtree, 115 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05633. For more information about the format of these events, contact Autumn Crabtree at Autumn.Crabtree@vtleg.gov or Elle Oille-Stanforth at Elle.Oille-Stanforth@vtleg.gov

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 13, 2026**, 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 13, 2026**.
- (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 20, 2026**, 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 or email 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 communicate 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 sign-out sheet will also be included.
4. Please submit a final sponsor list (with all sponsors listed) to Counselor Chernick by paper *or* electronically, but not both.
5. The final list of sponsors needs to be submitted, by email *or* on a paper sign-out sheet, to Counselor Chernick **not later than 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday 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, meaning it must have been adopted through the House Consent Calendar not later than the week prior to your requested ceremonial reading date. Contact Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord to confirm your requested ceremonial reading date.
9. **A Note:** If there is a **specific date, week, or month that your resolution must be read** (e.g. to designate a specified period of time or to recognize a group on a certain day), please inform Second Assistant Clerk Courtney Reckord as soon as possible, so she can reserve that date in advance. You do not need to have the resolution drafted by then.

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 #3271: \$218,385.00 to the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services from the U.S. Department of Justice. Funds will be used to consolidate data into one case management system. *[Received January 27, 2026]*

JFO #3272: \$195,053,740.00 to the Vermont Agency of Human Services, Central Office from the U.S. Department of Health and Human

Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Participation in the Rural Health Transformation Plan (RHTP) will help to ensure long-term health care system sustainability in Vermont. This grant includes two (2) limited-service positions (LSP): one (1) Health Care Reform Integration Manager to the Office of Health Care Reform and one (1) Financial Manager II to the Agency of Human Services Central Office. Both limited positions are expected to last through 9/30/2031.

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