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ACTION CALENDAR

Unfinished Business of Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 931

An act relating to miscellaneous changes in education law

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:

* * * Approved Independent School Moratorium * * *

Sec. 1. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.511.1, as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. 16, is amended to read:

Sec. E.511.1 MORATORIUM ON APPROVAL OF NEW APPROVED
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the State Board of Education shall be prohibited from approving an application for initial approval of an approved independent school until further direction by the General Assembly.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a change in either tax status or conversion to a nonprofit organization by a therapeutic approved independent school, absent any other changes, shall not affect the approval status of the school.

(c) Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the moratorium on approval of new approved independent schools shall not apply to changes in ownership of therapeutic approved independent schools as that term is defined in 16 V.S.A. § 828(d). If submission of an application for initial approval of an approved independent school is required as the result of a change in ownership of a therapeutic approved independent school that at the time of the change in ownership is approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 166, and the school will remain a therapeutic approved independent school after the change in ownership is complete, the moratorium created pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall not apply and the Agency of Education and State Board of Education shall process the application according to applicable State and federal law.

* * * Interstate Compact for Education * * *

Sec. 2. 16 V.S.A. chapter 35 is added to read:

CHAPTER 35. INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR EDUCATION

§ 1501. PURPOSE AND POLICY—ARTICLE I

(a) It is the purpose of this compact to:

(1) establish and maintain close cooperation and understanding among executive, legislative, professional educational, and lay leadership on a nationwide basis at the state and local levels;

(2) provide a forum for the discussion, development, crystallization, and recommendation of public policy alternatives in the field of education;

(3) provide a clearinghouse of information on matters relating to education problems and how they are being met in different places throughout the nation, so that the executive and legislative branches of state government and of local communities may have ready access to the experience and record of the entire country, and so that both lay and professional groups in the field of education may have additional avenues for the sharing of experience and the interchange of ideas in the formation of public policy in education;

(4) facilitate the improvement of state and local education systems so that all of them will be able to meet adequate and desirable goals in a society that requires continuous qualitative and quantitative advance in educational opportunities, methods, and facilities.

(b) It is the policy of this compact to encourage and promote local and state initiative in the development, maintenance, improvement, and administration of education systems and institutions in a manner that will accord with the needs and advantages of diversity among localities and states.

(c) The party states recognize that each of them has an interest in the quality and quantity of education furnished in each of the other states, as well as in the excellence of its own education systems and institutions, because of the highly mobile character of individuals within the nation, and because the products and services contributing to the health, welfare, and economic advancement of each state are supplied in significant part by persons educated in other states.

§ 1502. STATE DEFINED—ARTICLE II

As used in this compact, “state” means a state, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

§ 1503. THE COMMISSION—ARTICLE III

(a) The Education Commission of the States, hereinafter called “the Commission,” is hereby established. The Commission shall consist of seven

members representing each party state. One of such members shall be the governor; two shall be members of the state legislature selected by its respective houses and serving in such manner as the legislature may determine; and four shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. If the laws of a state prevent legislators from serving on the Commission, six members shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the governor, unless the laws of the state otherwise provide. In addition to any other principles or requirements which a state may establish for the appointment and service of its members of the Commission, the guiding principle for the composition of the membership on the Commission from each party state shall be that the members representing such state shall, by virtue of their training, experience, knowledge, or affiliations, be in a position collectively to reflect broadly the interests of the state government, higher education, the state education system, local education, and lay and professional, public and nonpublic educational leadership. Of those appointees, one shall be the head of a state agency or institution, designated by the governor, having responsibility for one or more programs of public education. In addition to the members of the Commission representing the party states, there may be not to exceed 10 nonvoting commissioners selected by the Steering Committee for terms of one year. Such commissioners shall represent leading national organizations of professional educators or persons concerned with educational administration.

(b) The members of the Commission shall be entitled to one vote each on the Commission. No action of the Commission shall be binding unless taken at a meeting at which a majority of the total number of votes on the Commission are cast in favor thereof. Action of the Commission shall be only at a meeting at which a majority of the commissioners are present. The Commission shall meet at least once a year. In its bylaws, and subject to such directions and limitations as may be contained therein, the Commission may delegate the exercise of any of its powers to the Steering Committee or the Executive Director, except for the power to approve budgets or requests for appropriations, the power to make policy recommendations pursuant to section 1504 of this chapter, and adoption of the annual report pursuant to subsection (j) of this section.

(c) The Commission shall have a seal.

(d) The Commission shall elect annually, from among its members, a chairman, who shall be a governor; a vice chairman; and a treasurer. The Commission shall provide for the appointment of an Executive Director. Such Executive Director shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission, and together with the Treasurer and such other personnel as the Commission may deem

appropriate shall be bonded in such amount as the Commission shall determine. The Executive Director shall be Secretary.

(e) Irrespective of the civil service, personnel, or other merit system laws of any of the party states, the Executive Director, subject to the approval of the Steering Committee, shall appoint, remove, or discharge such personnel as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Commission and shall fix the duties and compensation of such personnel. The Commission in its bylaws shall provide for the personnel policies and programs of the Commission.

(f) The Commission may borrow, accept, or contract for the services of personnel from any party jurisdiction, the United States or any subdivision or agency of the aforementioned governments, or from any agency of two or more of the party jurisdictions or their subdivisions.

(g) The Commission may accept for any of its purposes and functions under this compact any and all donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, conditional or otherwise, from any state, the United States, or any other governmental agency, or from any person, firm, association, foundation or corporation, and may receive, utilize, and dispose of the same. Any donation or grant accepted by the Commission pursuant to this subsection or services borrowed pursuant to subsection (f) of this section shall be reported in the annual report of the Commission. Such report shall include the nature, amount, and conditions, if any, of the donation, grant, or services borrowed, and the identity of the donor or lender.

(h) The Commission may establish and maintain such facilities as may be necessary for the transacting of its business. The Commission may acquire, hold, and convey real and personal property and any interest therein.

(i) The Commission shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its business and shall have the power to amend and rescind these bylaws. The Commission shall publish its bylaws in convenient form and shall file a copy thereof and a copy of any amendment thereto with the appropriate agency or officer in each of the party states.

(j) The Commission annually shall make to the governor and legislature of each party state a report covering the activities of the Commission for the preceding year. The Commission may make such additional reports as it may deem desirable.

§ 1504. POWERS—ARTICLE IV

In addition to authority conferred on the Commission by other provisions of the Compact, the Commission shall have authority to:

(1) collect, correlate, analyze, and interpret information and data concerning educational needs and resources;

(2) encourage and foster research in all aspects of education, but with special reference to the desirable scope of instruction, organization, administration, and instructional methods and standards employed or suitable for employment in public education systems;

(3) develop proposals for adequate financing of education as a whole and at each of its many levels;

(4) conduct or participate in research of the types referred to in this section in any instance where the Commission finds that such research is necessary for the advancement of the purposes and policies of this compact, using fully the resources of national associations, regional compact organizations for higher education, and other agencies and institutions, both public and private;

(5) formulate suggested policies and plans for the improvement of public education as a whole, or for any segment thereof, and make recommendations with respect thereto available to the appropriate governmental units, agencies, and public officials;

(6) do such other things as may be necessary or incidental to the administration of any of its authority or functions pursuant to this compact.

§ 1505. COOPERATION WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—ARTICLE V

(a) If the laws of the United States specifically so provide, or if administrative provision is made therefore within the federal government, the United States may be represented on the Commission by not to exceed 10 representatives. Any such representative or representatives of the United States shall be appointed and serve in such manner as may be provided by or pursuant to federal law, and may be drawn from any one or more branches of the federal government, but no such representative shall have a vote on the Commission.

(b) The Commission may provide information and make recommendations to any executive or legislative agency or officer of the federal government concerning the common education policies of the states, and may advise with any such agencies or officers concerning any matter of mutual interest.

§ 1506. COMMITTEES—ARTICLE VI

(a) To assist in the expeditious conduct of its business when the full Commission is not meeting, the Commission shall elect a Steering Committee of 32 members which, subject to the provisions of this compact and consistent

with the policies of the Commission, shall be constituted and function as provided in the bylaws of the Commission. One-fourth of the voting membership of the Steering Committee shall consist of governors, one-fourth shall consist of legislators, and the remainder shall consist of other members of the Commission. A federal representative on the Commission may serve with the Steering Committee, but without vote. The voting members of the Steering Committee shall serve for terms of two years, except that members elected to the first Steering Committee of the Commission shall be elected as follows: 16 for one year and 16 for two years. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Treasurer of the Commission shall be members of the Steering Committee and, anything in this subsection to the contrary notwithstanding, shall serve during their continuance in these offices. Vacancies in the Steering Committee shall not affect its authority to act, but the Commission at its next regularly ensuing meeting following the occurrence of any vacancy shall fill it for the unexpired term. No person shall serve more than two terms as a member of the Steering Committee, provided that service for a partial term of one year or less shall not be counted toward the two-term limitation.

(b) The Commission may establish advisory and technical committees composed of state, local and federal officials, and private persons to advise it with respect to any one or more of its functions. Any advisory or technical committee may, on request of the states concerned, be established to consider any matter of special concern to two or more of the party states.

(c) The Commission may establish such additional committees as its bylaws may provide.

§ 1507. FINANCE—ARTICLE VII

(a) The Commission shall advise the governor or designated officer or officers of each party state of its budget and estimated expenditures for such period as may be required by the laws of that party state. Each of the Commission's budgets of estimated expenditures shall contain specific recommendations of the amount or amounts to be appropriated by each of the party states.

(b) The total amount of appropriation requests under any budget shall be apportioned among the party states. In making such apportionment, the Commission shall devise and employ a formula which takes equitable account of the populations and per capita income levels of the party states.

(c) The Commission shall not pledge the credit of any party states. The Commission may meet any of its obligations in whole or in part with funds available to it pursuant to subsection 1503(g) of this chapter of this compact, provided that the Commission takes specific action setting aside such funds

prior to incurring an obligation to be met in whole or in part in such manner. Except where the Commission makes funds available to it pursuant to subsection 1503(g) of this chapter thereof, the Commission shall not incur any obligation prior to the allotment of funds by the party states adequate to meet the same.

(d) The Commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the Commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established by its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the Commission shall be audited yearly by a qualified public accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual reports of the Commission.

(e) The accounts of the Commission shall be open at any reasonable time for inspection by duly constituted officers of the party states and by any persons authorized by the Commission.

(f) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Commission compliance with laws relating to audit or inspection of accounts by or on behalf of any government contributing to the support of the Commission.

§ 1508. ELIGIBLE PARTIES; ENTRY INTO AND WITHDRAWAL—
ARTICLE VIII

(a) This compact shall have as eligible parties all states, territories, and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. In respect of any such jurisdiction not having a governor, the term “governor,” as used in this compact, shall mean the closest equivalent official of such jurisdiction.

(b) Any state or other eligible jurisdiction may enter into this compact, and it shall become binding thereon when it has adopted the same, provided that in order to enter into initial effect, adoption by at least 10 eligible party jurisdictions shall be required.

(c) Adoption of the Compact may be either by enactment thereof or by adherence thereto by the governor; provided that in the absence of enactment, adherence by the governor shall be sufficient to make his state a party only until December 31, 1967. During any period when a state is participating in this compact through gubernatorial action, the governor shall appoint those persons who, in addition to himself, shall serve as the members of the Commission from his state, and shall provide to the Commission an equitable share of the financial support of the Commission from any source available to him.

(d) Except for a withdrawal effective on December 31, 1967, in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same, but no such withdrawal shall take effect until one year after the governor of the withdrawing state has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to the governors of all other party states. No withdrawal shall affect any liability already incurred by or chargeable to a party state prior to the time of such withdrawal.

§ 1509. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPACT—ARTICLE IX

This Compact may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Commission present and voting when ratified by the legislatures of two-thirds of the party states.

§ 1510. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY—ARTICLE X

This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any state or of the United States, or the application thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state participating therein, the Compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the state affected as to all severable matters.

* * * Background Checks * * *

Sec. 3. 16 V.S.A. § 254a is added to read:

§ 254a. AGENCY OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES

(a) The Agency of Education shall request criminal record information for a person the Secretary of Education is prepared to recommend for any full-time, part-time, or temporary employment or contractual relationship with the Agency if such person will have or has the potential to have unsupervised contact with students (the applicant).

(b) After signing a user agreement, the Secretary shall make a request for criminal records directly to the Vermont Crime Information Center.

(c) A request made under subsection (b) of this section shall be accompanied by a release signed by the applicant on a form provided by the Vermont Crime Information Center and a set of the applicant's fingerprints. The Agency shall pay the fingerprinting fee required pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2062 and shall pay any fee required by the FBI associated with a fingerprint-

supported criminal record check. The release form to be signed by the applicant shall include a statement informing the applicant of:

(1) the right to challenge the accuracy of the record by appealing to the Vermont Crime Information Center pursuant to rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety; and

(2) the Secretary of Education's policy regarding maintenance and destruction of records and the applicant's right to request that the record or notice be maintained for purposes of using it to comply with future criminal record check requests made pursuant to section 256 of this title.

(d) Upon completion of a criminal record check, the Vermont Crime Information Center shall send to the Secretary a notice that no record exists or, if a record exists, a copy of any criminal record. If a copy of a criminal record is received, the Secretary shall forward it to the applicant and shall inform the applicant in writing of:

(1) the right to challenge the accuracy of the record by appealing to the Vermont Crime Information Center pursuant to rules adopted by the Commissioner of Public Safety; and

(2) the Secretary of Education's policy regarding maintenance and destruction of records and the applicant's right to request that the record or notice be maintained for purposes of using it to comply with future criminal record check requests made pursuant to section 256 of this title.

(e) The Secretary shall request and obtain information from the Child Protection Registry maintained by the Department for Children and Families and from the Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Registry maintained by the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living (collectively, the Registries) for any applicant for whom a criminal record check is required under subsection (a) of this section. The Departments for Children and Families and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 governing the process for obtaining information from the Registries and for disseminating and maintaining records of that information under this subsection.

(f) An applicant convicted of a sex offense that requires registration pursuant to 13 V.S.A. chapter 167, subchapter 3 shall not be eligible for employment with the Agency.

Sec. 4. 16 V.S.A. § 256 is amended to read:

§ 256. CONTINUED VALIDITY OF CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK;
MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

(a)(1) Anyone required to request a criminal record check under this subchapter about a person who previously has undergone a check, regardless of whether the check was for student teaching, licensure, or employment purposes, shall comply with that requirement by acquiring the results of the previous criminal record check unless:

(A) the person refuses to authorize release of the information;

(B) the record no longer exists;

(C) since the record check, there has been a period of one year or more during which the person has not worked for a Vermont school district ~~or~~, a recognized or an approved independent school, or the Agency of Education; or

(D) as otherwise required by this chapter.

(2) Anyone required to request a criminal record check under this subchapter about a person who has previously undergone a check may request a name and date of birth or fingerprint-supported recheck of the criminal record at any time during the course of the record subject's employment in the capacity for which the original check was required. Rechecking criminal records may be accomplished through a subscription service.

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* * * Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council * * *

Sec. 5. 16 V.S.A. § 183 is amended to read:

§ 183. INTERCOLLEGIATE SEXUAL HARM PREVENTION COUNCIL

(a) Creation. There is created the Intercollegiate Sexual Harm Prevention Council to ~~create a coordinated~~ advance best practices for prevention of and response to campus sexual harm across institutions of higher learning in Vermont.

(b) Membership.

(1) The Council shall be composed of the following members:

(A)(1) ~~a the Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning, appointed by the Chancellor of the Vermont State Colleges or designee from each postsecondary school chartered in Vermont with a physical campus located within Vermont;~~

(B)(2) ~~a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning,~~

~~appointed by the President of the University of Vermont a peer educator or advocate appointed by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs of the University of Vermont;~~

~~(C)(3) a Title IX coordinator and a campus-based sexual harm prevention/education coordinator from an institution of higher learning, appointed by the President of the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges the Executive Director of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence or designee;~~

~~(D)(4) two community-based sexual violence advocates, appointed by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence the Program Coordinator of the Vermont Forensic Nursing Program or designee; and~~

~~(E)(5) two law enforcement or public safety representatives with experience responding to and investigating campus sexual violence, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Safety; the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee.~~

~~(F) three college students, at least one of whom has lived experience as a sexual violence survivor and one who represents a campus-based racial justice organization, appointed by the Center for Crime Victim Services;~~

~~(G) a person with expertise in sexual violence responses within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community, appointed by the Center for Crime Victim Services;~~

~~(H) a sexual assault nurse examiner, appointed by the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence;~~

~~(I) a prosecutor with experience in prosecuting sexual violence cases from either the Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs or the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by the Attorney General; and~~

~~(J) an attorney with experience in sexual violence cases, appointed by the Defender General.~~

~~(2) To ensure a council that is reflective of Vermont's college campuses, appointing authorities shall consider diversity when making appointments to the Council.~~

(c) Duties. The Council shall:

(1) review the recommendations from the Report of the Vermont Campus Sexual Harm Task Force and develop prevention solutions to sexual harm based on those recommendations; [Repealed.]

~~(2) implement interdisciplinary planning and information sharing to support sexual violence prevention programs on every college campus in Vermont; [Repealed.]~~

~~(3) undertake an annual review of trends in aggregate data collected by institutions of higher learning regarding sexual violence on college campuses in Vermont; [Repealed.]~~

~~(4) identify and share information about effective practices on regarding sexual violence prevention and response, sexual health education, and strategies for mitigating sexual harm and secondary impacts of sexual harm on college campuses in Vermont;~~

~~(5) identify share information about campus-wide activities, publications, and services that promote a campus culture of respect to support the prevention of sexual harm;~~

~~(6) recommend statutory protections to the General Assembly not later than November 1, 2021 to ensure that survivors of sexual harm are not punished for reporting an incident of sexual violence due to alcohol, drug use, or other minor conduct violations occurring at or around the time of an assault; and [Repealed.]~~

~~(7) create or promote annual share information about training opportunities addressing prevention and sexual assault response processes open to representatives from all Vermont postsecondary schools for college populations.~~

~~(d) Assistance. The Council shall have the administrative and technical assistance of the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. [Repealed.]~~

~~(e) Report. On or before December 1, 2022 and annually thereafter, the Council shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with a summary of activities and any recommendations for legislative action. [Repealed.]~~

~~(f) Meetings.~~

~~(1) The Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence shall call the first meeting of the Council to occur on or before July 15, 2021 November 15, 2026.~~

~~(2) The Council shall select a chair co-chairs from among its members at the first meeting, with one chair representing a public postsecondary school and one chair representing a private postsecondary school.~~

~~(3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.~~

~~(4) The Council shall meet quarterly twice per year.~~

~~(5) Members who are not otherwise compensated by the member's employer for attendance at meetings shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for such purposes. The co-chairs shall provide the Council with administrative support.~~

(6) The Council may invite or consult other community representatives as it deems appropriate.

* * * Hazing, Harassment, and Bullying Advisory Council * * *

Sec. 6. 16 V.S.A. § 570 is amended to read:

§ 570. HARASSMENT, HAZING, AND BULLYING PREVENTION
POLICIES

* * *

(d) Duties of the Secretary. The Secretary shall:

(1) ~~develop and, from time to time, update model harassment, hazing, and bullying prevention policies; and~~

~~(2) establish an Advisory Council to review and coordinate school and statewide activities relating to the prevention of and response to harassment, hazing, and bullying. The Council shall report annually in January to the State Board and the House and Senate Committees on Education. The Council shall include:~~

~~(A) the Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association or designee;~~

~~(B) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;~~

~~(C) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association or designee;~~

~~(D) the President of the Vermont National Education Association or designee;~~

~~(E) the Executive Director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission or designee;~~

~~(F) the Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools Association or designee; and~~

~~(G) other members selected by the Secretary, at least one of whom shall be a current secondary student who has witnessed or experienced harassment, hazing, or bullying in the school environment; and~~

(3) provide the Advisory Council with administrative support.

(e) Advisory Council on Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Prevention in Schools.

(1) Membership. The Advisory Council shall be composed of the following members:

(A) the Executive Director of the Vermont Principals' Association or designee;

(B) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;

(C) the Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association or designee;

(D) the President of the Vermont-National Education Association or designee;

(E) the Executive Director of the Vermont Human Rights Commission or designee;

(F) the Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools Association or designee;

(G) two members who serve as designated employees under the hazing, harassment, and bullying prevention policy, appointed by the Secretary of Education;

(H) a member, appointed by the Vermont Educational Equity Collective;

(I) a school social worker, appointed by the National Association of Social Workers-Vermont Chapter;

(J) a member, appointed by the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights;

(K) a student member, appointed by the Vermont Student Anti-Racism Network;

(L) a student member, appointed by Outright Vermont;

(M) a member, appointed by the Office of Racial Equity;

(N) a member, appointed by the Commission on Women;

(O) a member, appointed by the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; and

(P) a parent or caregiver member, appointed by the Vermont Family Network.

(2) Duties. The Advisory Council shall:

(A) meet at least four and not more than 12 times per year;

(B) review and advise on coordination of school and statewide activities relating to the prevention of and response to harassment, hazing, and bullying;

(C) review the model harassment, hazing, and bullying prevention policies developed by the Secretary every three years, beginning in 2026, and recommend updates to the policies as necessary;

(D) review and advise on resources on harassment, hazing, and bullying prevention and response for school professionals;

(E) annually solicit input from students, parents, and schools on harassment, hazing, and bullying; and

(F) notwithstanding 2 V.S.A. § 20(d), annually on or before January 15, submit a written report to House and Senate Committees on Education, which shall hold a joint legislative hearing each legislative session to review the report. The Advisory Council shall also submit the report to the State Board of Education at the same time.

(3) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Advisory Council shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not more than 12 meetings of the Advisory Council per year from funds appropriated to the Agency of Education.

(e)(f) Definitions. In this subchapter:

(1) “Educational institution” and “school” mean a public school or an approved or recognized independent school as defined in section 11 of this title.

(2) “Organization,” “pledging,” and “student” have the same meanings as in section 570i of this title.

(3) “Harassment,” “hazing,” and “bullying” have the same meanings as in subdivisions 11(a)(26), (30), and (32) of this title.

(4) “School board” means the board of directors or other governing body of an educational institution when referring to an independent school.

Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION

The sum of \$21,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2027 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the Advisory Council on Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying Prevention as authorized pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 570(e)(3).

* * * Energy Performance Contracting * * *

Sec. 8. 16 V.S.A. § 3448f(a)(1) is amended to read:

(1) “Cost-saving measure” means any facility improvement, repair, addition, or alteration or any equipment, fixture, or furnishing to be constructed or installed in any facility that is designed to reduce energy consumption and operating costs or to increase the operating efficiency of facilities for their appointed functions, that is cost effective, and that is further defined by State Board rule.

* * * Effective Date * * *

Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

NOTICE CALENDAR

Senate Proposal of Amendment

H. 211

An act relating to data brokers and personal information

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

First: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 1, in section 2430, by striking out subdivision (16)(B) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (16)(B) to read as follows:

(B) “Publicly available information” does not include:

(i) biometric data collected by a business about a consumer without the consumer’s knowledge;

(ii) any obscene visual depiction, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 1460;

(iii) genetic data, unless otherwise made publicly available by the consumer to whom the information pertains; or

(iv) intimate images, authentic or computer-generated, known to be nonconsensual.

Second: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, in subdivision (a)(4), by striking out subdivision (A) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (A) to read as follows:

(A) the name and primary physical, e-mail, and Internet addresses email, and internet addresses and phone number of the data broker;

Third: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, in subdivision (a)(4)(E), by striking out subdivision (ii) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subdivision (ii) to read as follows:

(ii) in the past year, has shared consumers' data with or sold consumers' data to:

(I) a foreign actor;

(II) the federal government;

(III) other state or local governments;

(IV) law enforcement, unless the data was shared pursuant to a subpoena or other court order; or

(V) a developer of a GenAI system or model;

Fourth: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, in subdivision (a)(4)(I)(i), by striking out “pursuant to subsection (c) of this section” and inserting in lieu thereof “if the data broker permits deletion”

Fifth: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety and by relettering the remaining subsections to be alphabetically correct.

Sixth: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, by striking out the newly relettered subsection (c) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Consumer rights web page. The Secretary of State shall create and maintain a publicly accessible page on its website that provides consumers with the following:

(1) a downloadable spreadsheet of data brokers that have registered with the State along with the information a data broker provides during registration pursuant to subsection (a) of this section; and

(2) any additional information about the rights consumers have pursuant to this subchapter.

Seventh: In Sec. 1, 9 V.S.A. chapter 62, in subchapter 5, in section 2446, by adding a new subsection to be subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) Definitions. As used in this subchapter, “consumer” means an individual residing in this State and does not include an individual acting in a commercial or employment context or as an employee, owner, director, officer, or contractor of a company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit organization, or government agency whose communications or transactions with the data broker occur solely within the context of that individual’s role with the company, partnership, sole proprietorship, nonprofit organization, or government agency.

Eighth: By striking out Sec. 3, effective date, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a reader assistance heading and a new Sec. 3 to read as follows:

* * * Cybersecurity Advisory Council * * *

Sec. 3. 20 V.S.A. § 4662 is amended to read:

§ 4662. CYBERSECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

(a) Creation. There is created the Cybersecurity Advisory Council to advise on the State’s cybersecurity infrastructure, best practices, communications protocols, standards, training, and safeguards.

(b) Membership. The Council shall be composed of the following members:

(1) the Chief Information Officer, who shall serve as the Chair or appoint a designee from the Council to serve as the Chair;

(2) the Chief Information Security Officer;

(3) a representative from a distribution or transmission utility, appointed by the Commissioner of Public Service;

(4) a representative from a State municipal water system, appointed by the Secretary of Natural Resources;

(5) a representative from a Vermont hospital, appointed by the President of the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems;

(6) a person representing a Vermont business related to an essential supply chain, appointed by the Chair of the Vermont Business Roundtable;

(7) the Director of Vermont Emergency Management or designee;

(8) the Governor’s Homeland Security Advisor or designee;

(9) the Vermont Adjutant General or designee;

- (10) the Attorney General or designee; ~~and~~
- (11) the President of Vermont Information Technology Leaders or designee;
- (12) the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure;
- (13) the Chair of the Senate Committee on Institutions; and
- (14) a representative from the Judiciary, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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Ninth: By adding a new section to be Sec. 3a to read as follows:
 Sec. 3a. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

Sec. 4. REPEAL

20 V.S.A. chapter 208 (cybersecurity) is repealed on June 30, 2028 2033.

Tenth: By adding a reader assistance heading and a new section to be Sec. 4 to read as follows:

* * * Educational Technology * * *

Sec. 4. 9 V.S.A. chapter 62 is amended to read:

CHAPTER 62. PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Subchapter 3A. Student Privacy

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§ 2443f. ENFORCEMENT

(a) A person who violates a provision of this ~~chapter~~ subchapter commits an unfair and deceptive act in commerce in violation of section 2453 of this title.

(b) The Attorney General has the same authority to adopt rules to implement the provisions of this subchapter and to conduct civil investigations, enter into assurances of discontinuance, and bring civil actions as provided under chapter 63, subchapter 1 of this title.

Subchapter 3B. Educational Technology

§ 2444a. REGISTRATION

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1)(A) “Educational technology product” and “product” mean any software, application, or platform that may collect, process, or transmit student data and that is used for teaching and learning purposes in a school in Vermont.

(B) “Educational technology product” and “product” does not include:

(i) hardware or other physical devices; or

(ii) a product that is being used in a school without the knowledge of the provider.

(2) “Filing” means an initial registration, amendment, periodic report, or other filing with the Secretary of State as the Secretary may require.

(3) “Provider of an educational technology product” and “provider” mean a person that provides an educational technology product that is in use at a school.

(4) “School” means a public school or an independent school approved pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 166 and includes school districts.

(5) “School district” has the same meaning as in 16 V.S.A. § 11(a).

(b) Mandatory data reporting. In addition to all other requirements of a person registering with the Secretary of State pursuant to State law, a person doing business in this State as a provider of an educational technology product shall, at the time of a filing, provide the following:

(1) the name and primary physical, email, and internet addresses of the person;

(2) a link to the most recent version of the privacy policy and terms and conditions of each product in use in any school;

(3) the name of each school in which the provider is operating pursuant to a paid contract;

(4) the name and a brief description of each product of the provider, or a URL that provides the same information;

(5) which products may be in use in any school; and

(6) an attestation that each product meets:

(A) the standards set forth in subchapter 3A of this chapter (student privacy) and subchapter 6 of this chapter (the Vermont Age-Appropriate Design Code Act); and

(B) all relevant federal and State privacy laws, including the federal Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act.

Eleventh: By adding a reader assistance heading and a new section to be Sec. 5 to read as follows:

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) Secs. 1 and 4 shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

(b) This section and Secs. 2 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2026.

Twelfth: In Sec. 2, study of accessible deletion mechanism; report; appropriation, by striking out subsection (c) in its entirety.

Committee of Conference Report

H. 740

An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Committee of Conference to which were referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House Bill entitled:

H.740. An act relating to the greenhouse gas inventory and registry.

Respectfully reports that it has met and considered the same and recommends that the House accede to the Senate proposal of amendment with further amendment thereto by striking out Sec. 1, 10 V.S.A. § 582, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 1 to read as follows:

Sec. 1. 10 V.S.A. § 582 is amended to read:

§ 582. GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORIES; REGISTRY

(a) Inventory and forecasting. The Secretary shall work, in conjunction with other states or a regional consortium, to establish a periodic and consistent inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. The Secretary shall publish the Vermont Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory and Forecast by not later than June 1, 2010, and updates shall be published annually until ~~2028~~ 2030, until a regional or national inventory and registry program is established in which Vermont participates, or until the federal National Emissions Inventory

includes mandatory greenhouse gas reporting. The Secretary of Natural Resources shall include a supplemental accounting in the Vermont Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Forecast that measures the upstream and lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions of liquid, gaseous, solid geologic and biogenic fuels combusted in Vermont.

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(e) Rules.

(1) The Secretary may adopt rules to implement the provisions of this section and shall review existing and proposed international, federal, and State greenhouse gas emission reporting programs and make reasonable efforts to promote consistency among the programs established pursuant to this section and other programs, and to streamline reporting requirements on greenhouse gas emission sources. Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, nothing in this section shall limit a State agency from adopting any rule within its authority.

(2) The Secretary has authority to adopt rules that create a comprehensive greenhouse gas emission reporting program that covers all sources of emissions, including fuel suppliers. Suppliers of transportation and heating fuels covered by the rules shall comply with requests from the Secretary for information. The Secretary shall adopt a rule that at a minimum includes the types and volume of fossil fuels sold by sector for the transportation, residential, commercial, and industrial sectors and by zip code, municipality, or the smallest geographic level practicable that also protects the individual identities of consumers.

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SEN. ANNE E. WATSON

SEN. SETH BONGARTZ

Committee on the part of the Senate

REP. KATHLEEN C. JAMES

REP. R. SCOTT CAMPBELL

REP. DARA TORRE

Committee on the part of the House

S. 208

An act relating to standards for law enforcement identification

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Committee of Conference, to which were referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon Senate Bill, entitled:

S.208. An act relating to standards for law enforcement identification.

Respectfully reports that it has met and considered the same and recommends that the House recede from its proposal of amendment and that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 20 V.S.A. § 2373 is added to read:

§ 2373. STANDARDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IDENTIFICATION

(a) Legislative intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to exercise the power of Vermont, as recognized by the 10th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents and law enforcement officers present in the State by codifying standards for law enforcement identification.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Facial covering” means any opaque mask, garment, disguise, or other item that conceals or obscures the facial identity of an individual, including a balaclava, gaiter mask, ski mask, and other similar types of facial coverings.

(2) “Law enforcement agency” has the same meaning as in section 2351a of this title.

(3) “Law enforcement officer” has the same meaning as in section 2351a of this title and includes any officer of a federal law enforcement agency or any person acting on behalf of a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency.

(c) Identification requirements.

(1) A law enforcement officer shall be clearly identified when interacting directly with the public in the performance of the officer’s duties by:

(A) the officer’s name or the officer’s unique radio or badge number visibly displayed on the officer’s person; and

(B) the officer’s agency or the initials of the officer’s agency visibly displayed on the officer’s person.

(2) A law enforcement officer shall verbally disclose, in a clear and audible manner, the officer’s name and the official name of the officer’s agency when detaining or arresting an individual as soon as it is practical and safe to do so.

(3) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, an officer is not required to be clearly identified in the following circumstances:

(A) during active undercover or plainclothes operations, including official duties requiring anonymity, such as to interview, surveil, infiltrate, or otherwise investigate criminal activity;

(B) while wearing personal protective equipment for crime scene processing or exposure to hazardous materials;

(C) while responding to exigent circumstances, either on or off duty, including situations involving imminent danger to persons or property, the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence;

(D) while performing tactical team responsibilities when assigned to a tactical team unit;

(E) while engaging in executive protective operations where the display of identification would compromise the safety, anonymity, or tactical effectiveness of the protection detail; and

(F) during meetings and interviews with victims and witnesses.

(d) Facial covering requirements.

(1) A law enforcement officer shall not wear any facial covering while interacting directly with the public in the performance of the officer's duties.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, a law enforcement officer may wear:

(A) a respirator or medical-grade mask worn with the intent to prevent the transmission of airborne diseases;

(B) a facial covering designed to protect against exposure to smoke, fire, projectiles, or retinal weapons;

(C) a facial covering necessary to perform duties during a water rescue operation;

(D) a facial covering related to protection against exposure to biological or chemical agents during an incident where these agents are likely to be present;

(E) a facial covering designed to protect against exposure to adverse weather conditions, taking into account the actual temperature, windchill, humidity, and length of time of the exposure;

(F) a head or face covering if worn as an approved reasonable accommodation under federal or State disability or religious discrimination laws;

(G) a facial covering designed to protect tactical unit officers from physical harm;

(H) a disguise worn by officers engaged in undercover drug interdiction assignments; and

(I) a disguise worn by officers participating in active undercover investigations relating to child sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

(e) Statewide policy. On or before January 2, 2027, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall establish a statewide model policy governing the standards for law enforcement identification and the wearing of facial coverings applicable to law enforcement officers consistent with subsections (c) and (d) of this section. On or before January 15, 2027, the Law Enforcement Advisory Board shall submit the model policy to the House Committee on Judiciary and the Senate Committee on Judiciary.

(f) Policy adoption. On or before March 15, 2027, every state and law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy consistent with the statewide model policy developed by the Law Enforcement Advisory Board pursuant to subsection (e) of this section. If a state or local law enforcement agency or a state or local law enforcement officer who is not employed by a law enforcement agency fails to adopt a policy pursuant to this section, the agency or officer shall be deemed to have adopted the statewide model policy developed by the Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

(g) Enforcement and penalties.

(1) The Office of the Attorney General may bring a civil action to enforce the provisions of this section by bringing a civil action for injunctive relief and imposition of a civil penalty of not more than \$2,500.00.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to a law enforcement officer if the officer's employing law enforcement agency has adopted and publicly posted a written policy consistent with the requirements of this section and that provides for administrative action to be taken for violations of subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and, in Sec. 1, 20 V.S.A. § 2373(e) (statewide policy) and 20 V.S.A. § 2373(f) (policy adoption) shall take effect on passage.

(b) The remainder of this act shall take effect on March 15, 2027.

SEN. NADER A. HASHIM

SEN. PHILIP E. BARUTH

Committee on the part of the Senate

REP. MARTIN J. LALONDE

REP. KAREN N. DOLAN

REP. IAN GOODNOW

Committee on the part of the House

Governor's Veto

H. 727

An act relating to sustainable data center deployment

Text of Veto Message

The text of the communication from His Excellency, the Governor, whereby he vetoed and returned unsigned **House Bill No. H. 727** to the House is as follows:

May 28, 2026

The Honorable BetsyAnn Wrask
Clerk of the Vermont House of Representatives
State House
Montpelier, VT 05633

Dear Ms. Wrask:

Pursuant to Chapter II, Section 11 of the Vermont Constitution, I'm returning unsigned and without my approval, in the time permitted by the Constitution, H.727, *An act relating to sustainable data center deployment*.

While I share some concerns Vermonters have about data centers, and I'm mindful of the challenges they have created in other states, existing Vermont law already provides substantial regulatory authority to prevent harmful impacts. Vermont's Act 250 process, Public Utility Commission oversight, environmental permitting requirements, energy siting rules, and municipal zoning already provide extensive review and enforcement tools. The last thing Vermont should do is worsen our economic challenges by adding new and unnecessary regulatory systems.

Although the bill is seemingly aimed at data centers, its broader message extends *far* beyond those facilities and into areas Vermont depends on for many of its best jobs. Vermont is actively trying to retain and expand jobs in

advanced manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing, energy and clean technology, and other innovation-driven industries that also require substantial energy and infrastructure.

I understand the potential impacts of data centers, but this bill creates an unacceptable precedent which will have much broader consequences for economic opportunity and long-term competitiveness in Vermont. We cannot afford policies that risk driving current or future jobs and investment to other states, when we already have regulations and policies in place to address our concerns about data centers.

If the Legislature wishes to pass a data center bill, it should start with a bill that more closely resembles the House passed version of H.727, with additional and substantial changes made to prevent unintended economic consequences in other important sectors of Vermont's economy.

Sincerely,

Philip B. Scott
Governor

PBS/kp

For Informational Purposes

HOUSE CHAMBER 2027 SEATING REQUESTS

Pursuant to House Rule 5, a current Representative who will return to the House for the 2027-28 Biennium has a right to retain their current seat in the Chamber or to change seats by selecting a seat that will be vacant in 2027. No steps are needed for a Representative to retain their current seat. Here are the steps for Representatives to request a change of seat for the 2027-28 Biennium:

1. Requests for changes in House seating will be accepted by the House Clerk's Office beginning **at 8:00 A.M. on the first Monday after the House adjourns *sine die*.**
2. Call or email your request to Nigel Hicks-Tibbles at: nigel.hicks-tibbles@vtleg.gov.
3. Include in your request the seat number you would like to request; or you may ask Nigel what seats are available and they will be able to provide a list of vacant seats. A request for information will not be treated as a seat-change request for purposes of reserving a seat against other requests.
4. Requests for vacant seats will be accepted in the order received.

5. A vacant seat is one that was held at the end of the 2026 session by a member who has publicly announced they do not plan to run or has not filed to run for reelection to the House, who is not so reelected, or who has changed seats for 2027-28.
6. The list of vacant seats will change over the course of the adjournment and members are welcome to request a change more than once as different seats become available.

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 #3276: Twelve (12) limited-service positions to the Agency of Human Services, various departments, to staff the Rural Health Transformation Initiative. The Rural Health Transformation grant, JFO #3272 was approved at the Joint Fiscal Committee meeting on February 6, 2026. All limited-service positions are expected to be funded through 9/30/2031. *[Received March 31, 2026]*

- JFO #3277:** \$36,000.00 to the Vermont Legislature, Sergeant at Arms office from the National Conference of State Legislatures. The grant will extend up to \$500.00 to each member of the General Assembly to secure their homes. Funds would be available once as a reimbursement during the lawmaker's service for expenses incurred after June 1, 2026. *[Received April 14, 2026]*
- JFO #3278:** \$690,050.00 to the Department of Public Service from the State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy. Funds for a revolving loan program (Municipal Energy Revolving Fund) to help VT communities meet state energy goals. The funds will be managed by the Building and General Services department via a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Public Service. *[Received May 11, 2026]*
- JFO #3279:** \$160,000.00 land donation to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from the Robert M. Burley Trust. The land is 102-acre donation in Elmore, VT to extend the Elmore State Park.. PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) will be \$1,123.71 annually. *[Received May 11, 2026]*
- JFO #3280:** \$20,000.00 to the Vermont Truth and Reconciliation Commission (VTRC) from Patricia Fontaine, private donor. Funds will hire consultants to fulfill the mission of the VTRC in their pursuit of community-centered justice and holistic healing. *[Received May 11, 2026]*
- JFO #3281:** \$867,972.00 to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Department of Housing and Community Development from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service. Funds to fix drainage and foundation issues at the Theron Boyd State Historic Site and to prepare a full historic structure report. A State match of \$27,750.00 is required for this grant and is covered by the major maintenance funds allocated to ACCD, Historic Preservation Division in the State Capital Construction Bill for fiscal year 2028. *[Received May 11, 2026]*