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2 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

3 Date:

4 Subject: Executive Branch; Judicial Branch; Legislative Branch; State

5 employees; appropriations; Pay Act

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to enact the Pay

7 Act for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

8 An act relating to compensation for certain State employees (Pay Act)

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

10 * * * Collective Bargaining Agreements; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

11 Sec. 1. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FISCAL YEARS

12 2027 AND 2028

13 (a) Fiscal year 2027. This act fully funds the first year of the collective
14 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'
15 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the
16 period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The collective bargaining
17 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2027 an
18 average 1.9 percent step increase and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on
19 July 12, 2026, and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on January 10, 2027,
20 for a total of a 5.9 percent increase.

1 (b) Fiscal year 2028. This act fully funds the second year of the collective
2 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'
3 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the
4 period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. The collective bargaining
5 agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2028 an
6 average 1.9 percent step increase and a 3.0 percent across-the-board increase
7 for a total of a 4.9 percent increase.

8 * * * Exempt Employees; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

9 Sec. 2. EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES;

10 FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028

11 (a) Fiscal year 2027. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches
12 may extend the fiscal year 2027 provisions of the collective bargaining
13 agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the
14 bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance
15 with the appropriations provided to each branch.

16 (b) Fiscal year 2028. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches
17 may extend the fiscal year 2028 provisions of the collective bargaining
18 agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the
19 bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance
20 with the appropriations provided to each branch.

1 Sec. 3. EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND
2 DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE
3 ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND SPECIAL
4 SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS

5 (a) Fiscal year 2027. For purposes of determining annual salary
6 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)
7 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified
8 employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year
9 2027, 5.9 percent.

10 (b) Fiscal year 2028. For purposes of determining annual salary
11 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)
12 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified
13 employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year
14 2028, 4.9 percent.

15 * * * Executive Branch; Miscellaneous Statutory Salaries;

16 Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

17 Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

18 § 1003. STATE OFFICERS

19 (a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an
20 annual salary as follows:

1		Annual	Annual
2		Salary	Salary
3		as of	as of
4		July 14,	July 13,
5		2024	2025
6	(1) Governor	\$222,371	\$234,379
7	(2) Lieutenant Governor	\$94,392	\$99,489
8	(3) Secretary of State	\$141,003	\$148,617
9	(4) State Treasurer	\$141,003	\$148,617
10	(5) Auditor of Accounts	\$141,003	\$148,617
11	(6) Attorney General	\$168,837	\$177,954
12		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
13		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
14		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
15		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17	<u>(1) Governor</u>	<u>\$243,520</u>	<u>\$248,390</u>
18	<u>(2) Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>\$103,369</u>	<u>\$105,436</u>
19	<u>(3) Secretary of State</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>
20	<u>(4) State Treasurer</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>
21	<u>(5) Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>

1 (6) Attorney General \$184,894 \$188,592 \$197,833

2 (b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed
3 in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for
4 that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless
5 otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each
6 appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the
7 Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment
8 subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to
9 officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment
10 available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining
11 agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified
12 in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to
13 the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose
14 job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in
15 the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases
16 or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of
17 adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective
18 bargaining agreement then in effect.

19 (1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

20	Base	Base
21	Salary	Salary

	as of	as of	
	July 14,	July 13,	
	2024	2025	
1			
2			
3			
4	(A) Administration	\$134,466	\$141,727
5	(B) Agriculture,		
6	Food and		
7	Markets	\$134,466	\$141,727
8	(C) Financial		
9	Regulation	\$125,706	\$132,494
10	(D) Buildings and		
11	General Services	\$125,706	\$132,494
12	(E) Children and		
13	Families	\$125,706	\$132,494
14	(F) Commerce and		
15	Community		
16	Development	\$134,466	\$141,727
17	(G) Corrections	\$125,706	\$132,494
18	(H) Defender		
19	General	\$125,706	\$132,494
20	(I) Disabilities,		
21	Aging, and		

1	Independent		
2	Living	\$125,706	\$132,494
3	(J) Economic		
4	Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
5	(K) Education	\$134,466	\$141,727
6	(L) Environmental		
7	Conservation	\$125,706	\$132,494
8	(M) Finance and		
9	Management	\$125,706	\$132,494
10	(N) Fish and		
11	Wildlife	\$114,031	\$120,189
12	(O) Forests, Parks		
13	and Recreation	\$114,031	\$120,189
14	(P) Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
15	(Q) Housing and		
16	Community		
17	Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
18	(R) Human		
19	Resources	\$125,706	\$132,494
20	(S) Human Services	\$134,466	\$141,727
21	(T) Digital Services	\$134,466	\$141,727

1	(U) Labor	\$125,706	\$132,494
2	(V) Libraries	\$114,031	\$120,189
3	(W) Liquor and		
4	Lottery	\$114,031	\$120,189
5	(X) [Repealed.]		
6	(Y) Mental Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
7	(Z) Military	\$125,706	\$132,494
8	(AA) Motor		
9	Vehicles	\$114,031	\$120,189
10	(BB) Natural		
11	Resources	\$134,466	\$141,727
12	(CC) Land Use Review		
13	Board Chair	\$114,031	\$120,189
14	(DD) Public Safety	\$125,706	\$132,494
15	(EE) Public Service	\$125,706	\$132,494
16	(FF) Taxes	\$125,706	\$132,494
17	(GG) Tourism and		
18	Marketing	\$114,031	\$120,189
19	(HH) Transportation	\$134,466	\$141,727
20	(I) Vermont Health		
21	Access	\$125,706	\$132,494

1	(J) Veterans' Home	\$125,706	\$132,494
2		<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>
3		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
4		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
5		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
6		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
7	<u>(A) Administration</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>
8	<u>(B) Agriculture,</u>		
9	<u>Food and</u>		
10	<u>Markets</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>
11	<u>(C) Financial</u>		
12	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>
13	<u>(D) Buildings and</u>		
14	<u>General Services</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>
15	<u>(E) Children and</u>		
16	<u>Families</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>
17	<u>(F) Commerce and</u>		
18	<u>Community</u>		
19	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>
20	<u>(G) Corrections</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>

1	<u>(H) Defender</u>			
2	<u>General</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
3	<u>(I) Disabilities,</u>			
4	<u>Aging, and</u>			
5	<u>Independent</u>			
6	<u>Living</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
7	<u>(J) Economic</u>			
8	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
9	<u>(K) Education</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
10	<u>(L) Environmental</u>			
11	<u>Conservation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
12	<u>(M) Finance and</u>			
13	<u>Management</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
14	<u>(N) Fish and</u>			
15	<u>Wildlife</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
16	<u>(O) Forests, Parks</u>			
17	<u>and Recreation</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
18	<u>(P) Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
19	<u>(Q) Housing and</u>			
20	<u>Community</u>			
21	<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>

1	<u>(R) Human</u>			
2	<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
3	<u>(S) Human Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
4	<u>(T) Digital Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
5	<u>(U) Labor</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
6	<u>(V) Libraries</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
7	<u>(W) Liquor and</u>			
8	<u>Lottery</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
9	<u>(X) [Repealed.]</u>			
10	<u>(Y) Mental Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
11	<u>(Z) Military</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
12	<u>(AA) Motor</u>			
13	<u>Vehicles</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
14	<u>(BB) Natural</u>			
15	<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
16	<u>(CC) Land Use Review</u>			
17	<u>Board Chair</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
18	<u>(DD) Public Safety</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
19	<u>(EE) Public Service</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
20	<u>(FF) Taxes</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>

1	<u>(GG) Tourism and</u>			
2	<u>Marketing</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
3	<u>(HH) Transportation</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
4	<u>(II) Vermont Health</u>			
5	<u>Access</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
6	<u>(JJ) Veterans' Home</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>

7 (2) [Repealed.]

8 (3) If the Chair of the Land Use Review Board is employed on less than
9 a full-time basis, the hiring and salary maximums for that position shall be
10 reduced proportionately.

11 (4) When a permanent employee is appointed to an exempt position, the
12 Governor may authorize such employee to retain the present salary even
13 though it is in excess of any salary maximum provided in statute.

14 * * *

15 (d) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of
16 this section, the Defender General shall not receive compensation in excess of
17 the compensation established for the Attorney General in this section.

18 (e) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of
19 this section, the maximum salary for the Commissioner of Health shall not
20 exceed 100 percent above the base salary for this position.

1 * * * Judicial Branch; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

2 Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 1003(c) is amended to read:

3 (c) The officers of the Judicial Branch named in this subsection shall be
4 entitled to annual salaries as follows:

	Annual	Annual
	Salary	Salary
	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
10 (1) Chief Justice of		
11 Supreme Court	\$214,024	\$225,581
12 (2) Each Associate		
13 Justice	\$204,264	\$215,294
14 (3) Chief Superior		
15 Judge	\$204,264	\$215,294
16 (4) Each Superior		
17 Judge	\$194,185	\$204,671
18 (5) [Repealed.]		
19 (6) Each		
20 Magistrate	\$146,413	\$154,319

1	(7) Each Judicial			
2	Bureau hearing			
3	officer	\$146,413	\$154,319	
4		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
5		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
6		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
7		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
8		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
9	<u>(1) Chief Justice of</u>			
10	<u>Supreme Court</u>	<u>\$234,379</u>	<u>\$239,067</u>	<u>\$250,781</u>
11	<u>(2) Each Associate</u>			
12	<u>Justice</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
13	<u>(3) Chief Superior</u>			
14	<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
15	<u>(4) Each Superior</u>			
16	<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$212,653</u>	<u>\$216,906</u>	<u>\$227,534</u>
17	<u>(5) [Repealed.]</u>			
18	<u>(6) Each</u>			
19	<u>Magistrate</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>

1	<u>(7) Each Judicial</u>			
2	<u>Bureau hearing</u>			
3	<u>officer</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>

4 Sec. 6. 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

5 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

6 (a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive
7 compensation in the amount of ~~\$224.47 a day as of July 14, 2024 and \$236.59~~
8 ~~a day as of July 13, 2025~~ \$245.82 a day as of July 12, 2026, \$250.74 a day as
9 of January 10, 2027, and \$263.03 a day as of July 11, 2027, for time spent in
10 the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to
11 classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on
12 a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

13 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
14 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this
15 subdivision (2).

16 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this
17 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision
18 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding
19 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

1 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay
2 for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session or during a court
3 recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

4 Sec. 7. 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

5 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

6 (a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to
7 receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of
8 all fees or other compensation:

	Annual	Annual	
	Salary	Salary	
	as of	as of	
	July 14,	July 13,	
	2024	2025	
9			
10			
11			
12			
13			
14	(1) Addison	\$76,555	\$80,689
15	(2) Bennington	\$96,776	\$102,002
16	(3) Caledonia	\$67,891	\$71,557
17	(4) Chittenden	\$161,506	\$170,227
18	(5) Essex	\$18,966	\$19,990
19	(6) Franklin	\$76,555	\$80,689
20	(7) Grand Isle	\$18,966	\$19,990
21	(8) Lamoille	\$53,443	\$56,329

1	(9) Orange	\$63,554	\$66,986
2	(10) Orleans	\$62,110	\$65,464
3	(11) Rutland	\$137,221	\$144,631
4	(12) Washington	\$105,441	\$111,135
5	(13) Windham	\$85,221	\$89,823
6	(14) Windsor	\$115,555	\$121,795
7		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
8		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
9		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
10		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
11		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
12	<u>(1) Addison</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$85,513</u>
13	<u>(2) Bennington</u>	<u>\$105,980</u>	<u>\$108,100</u>
14	<u>(3) Caledonia</u>	<u>\$74,348</u>	<u>\$75,835</u>
15	<u>(4) Chittenden</u>	<u>\$176,866</u>	<u>\$180,403</u>
16	<u>(5) Essex</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>
17	<u>(6) Franklin</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$85,513</u>
18	<u>(7) Grand Isle</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>
19	<u>(8) Lamoille</u>	<u>\$58,526</u>	<u>\$59,697</u>
20	<u>(9) Orange</u>	<u>\$69,598</u>	<u>\$70,990</u>
21	<u>(10) Orleans</u>	<u>\$68,017</u>	<u>\$69,377</u>

1	<u>(11) Rutland</u>	<u>\$150,272</u>	<u>\$153,277</u>	<u>\$160,788</u>
2	<u>(12) Washington</u>	<u>\$115,469</u>	<u>\$117,778</u>	<u>\$123,549</u>
3	<u>(13) Windham</u>	<u>\$93,326</u>	<u>\$95,193</u>	<u>\$99,857</u>
4	<u>(14) Windsor</u>	<u>\$126,545</u>	<u>\$129,076</u>	<u>\$135,401</u>

5 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual
6 and necessary expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State
7 employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District
8 shall be for full-time service.

9 (c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually,
10 shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to
11 exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

12 * * * Sheriffs; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

13 Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

14 § 1182. SHERIFFS

15 (a) The sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive
16 salaries in the amount of ~~\$104,010.00 as of July 14, 2024 and \$109,627.00 as~~
17 ~~of July 13, 2025~~ \$113,902.00 as of July 12, 2026, \$116,180.00 as of January
18 10, 2027, and \$122,873.00 as of July 11, 2027. The Sheriff of Chittenden
19 County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount of ~~\$110,070.00 as of~~
20 ~~July 14, 2024 and \$116,014.00 as of July 13, 2025~~ \$120,539.00 as of July 12,

1 2026, \$122,950.00 as of January 10, 2027, and \$128,975.00 as of July 11,
2 2027.

3 (b) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by
4 10 percent for any sheriff who has Level II but not obtained Level III law
5 enforcement officer certification under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

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7 * * * State's Attorneys; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

8 Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

9 § 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

10 (a) The State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as
11 follows:

	Annual	Annual
	Salary	Salary
	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
17 (1) Addison County	\$140,691	\$148,288
18 (2) Bennington		
19 County	\$140,691	\$148,288
20 (3) Caledonia County	\$140,691	\$148,288
21 (4) Chittenden County	\$147,087	\$155,030

1	(5) Essex County	\$105,521	\$111,219
2	(6) Franklin County	\$140,691	\$148,288
3	(7) Grand Isle County	\$105,521	\$111,219
4	(8) Lamoille County	\$140,691	\$148,288
5	(9) Orange County	\$140,691	\$148,288
6	(10) Orleans County	\$140,691	\$148,288
7	(11) Rutland County	\$140,691	\$148,288
8	(12) Washington		
9	County	\$140,691	\$148,288
10	(13) Windham County	\$140,691	\$148,288
11	(14) Windsor County	\$140,691	\$148,288
12		<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
13		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
14		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
15		<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
16		<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
17	<u>(1) Addison County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
18	<u>(2) Bennington</u>		
19	<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
20	<u>(3) Caledonia County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>
21	<u>(4) Chittenden County</u>	<u>\$161,076</u>	<u>\$164,298</u>

1	<u>(5) Essex County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>	<u>\$123,644</u>
2	<u>(6) Franklin County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
3	<u>(7) Grand Isle County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>	<u>\$123,644</u>
4	<u>(8) Lamoille County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
5	<u>(9) Orange County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
6	<u>(10) Orleans County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
7	<u>(11) Rutland County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
8	<u>(12) Washington</u>			
9	<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
10	<u>(13) Windham County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
11	<u>(14) Windsor County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>

12 (b) In settlement of their accounts, the Commissioner of Finance and
13 Management shall allow the State's Attorneys the expense of printing briefs in
14 cases in which the State's Attorney has represented the State and their
15 necessary and actual expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State
16 employees.

17 * * * Appropriations * * *

18 Sec. 10. PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND
19 2028

20 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year
21 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'

1 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and
2 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's
3 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June
4 30, 2028; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'
5 Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; and salary
6 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining
7 agreements shall be funded as follows:

8 (1) Fiscal year 2027.

9 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$23,918,820.00 is appropriated
10 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to
11 departments to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and
12 the requirements of this act.

13 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is
14 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration
15 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public
16 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the
17 requirements of this act.

18 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional
19 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess
20 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the

1 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,184,607.00 from a
2 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

3 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
4 funds, for fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
5 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
6 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
7 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
8 by State funds.

9 (2) Fiscal year 2028.

10 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$24,974,632.00 is appropriated
11 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to
12 departments to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and
13 the requirements of this act.

14 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is
15 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration
16 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public
17 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the
18 requirements of this act.

19 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional
20 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess
21 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the

1 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$28,362,343.00 from a
2 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

3 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
4 funds, for fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
5 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the
6 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
7 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
8 by State funds.

9 (3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration
10 of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

11 (b) Judicial Branch.

12 (1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the
13 provisions of the Judiciary's collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary
14 employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.

15 (2) Fiscal year 2027. The first year of the two-year agreements between
16 the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the
17 judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027,
18 and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the
19 bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of
20 \$3,800,867.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of

1 \$277,316.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal
2 year 2027 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

3 (3) Fiscal year 2028. The second year of the two-year agreements
4 between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association
5 for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30,
6 2028, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by
7 the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of
8 \$2,466,396.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of
9 \$179,952.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal
10 year 2028 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

11 (c) Legislative Branch.

12 (1) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the General
13 Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as
14 follows: the amount of \$914,634.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to
15 the Legislative Branch.

16 (2) For the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, the General
17 Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as
18 follows: the amount of \$778,939.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to
19 the Legislative Branch.

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* * * Effective Date * * *

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Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE

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This act shall take effect on July 1, 2026.