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No. XX. An act related to fiscal year 2025 budget adjustments.

Sec. 1. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.105 is amended to read:

Sec. B.105 Agency of Digital Services – communications and information technology

Personal services	82,994,362	<u>82,208,362</u>
Operating expenses	62,547,212	
Total	145,541,574	<u>144,755,574</u>

Source of funds

General fund	209,808	
Special funds	511,723	
Internal service funds	144,820,043	<u>144,034,043</u>
Total	145,541,574	<u>144,755,574</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$786,000) Correct the error per Section B.105 of the June 28, 2024 Legislative Letter of Intent. The Administration had requested a (\$873,856) VISION Internal Service Fund reduction for reduced contract costs, to which the Conference Committee agreed, but due to a typographical error during drafting, the “3” was omitted and the reduction was entered as (\$87,856).

Sec. 2. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	117,405,610	
Transportation fund	4,292,149	
Special funds	31,882,209	
Federal funds	1,467,374	
Internal service funds	214,635,950	<u>213,849,950</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	7,053,789	
Enterprise funds	4,298	
Pension trust funds	4,800,305	
Private purpose trust funds	1,329,205	
Total	382,870,889	<u>382,084,889</u>

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EXPLANATION:

Adjust General Government function total.

Sec. 3. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services 58,439,095	<u>58,827,799</u>
Operating expenses 12,479,384	<u>14,640,960</u>
Grants 121,030	
Total 71,039,509	<u>73,589,789</u>

Source of funds

General fund 63,414,698	<u>65,964,978</u>
Special funds 4,503,401	
Federal funds 953,928	
Interdepartmental transfers 2,167,482	
Total 71,039,509	<u>73,589,789</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$388,704 Courthouse security contracts with the Sheriff Departments.

\$2,161,576 Current information technology expenses. The adjustment is due to the decrease in civil violation revenue in the Court Technology Fund and an increase in the Judiciary's information technology operational demands since the pandemic.

Sec. 4. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.205 is amended to read:

Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

Personal services 17,309,679	<u>17,503,709</u>
Operating expenses 2,034,016	<u>2,439,016</u>
Total 19,343,695	<u>19,942,725</u>

Source of funds

General fund 18,734,634	<u>19,333,664</u>
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Federal funds 31,000

Interdepartmental transfers 578,061

Total ~~19,343,695~~

19,942,725

EXPLANATION:

\$28,000: Increased demand for and costs associated with translation services

\$30,000: Increased costs of continuing legal education mandated for attorney licensing requirements

\$34,730: Increased demand for and costs associated with court-ordered mental health evaluations

\$41,300: State's Attorneys share of cost increase for Sheriff's audits due to change in auditor.

\$60,000: Berry Dunn support for transition to a new Case Management System

\$405,000: Increased ADS SLA costs due to the need to store law enforcement video evidence on the ADS sharepoint site.

Sec. 5. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.206.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates

Personal services 3,016,156

Operating expenses ~~104,396~~

142,396

Total ~~3,120,552~~

3,158,552

Source of funds

General fund ~~3,120,552~~

3,158,552

Total ~~3,120,552~~

3,158,552

EXPLANATION:

\$38,000: Additional ADS Service Level Agreement charges.

Sec. 6. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

Personal services ~~4,620,756~~

5,397,783

Operating expenses 6,022,923

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Total	10,643,679	<u>11,420,706</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	6,179,193	<u>8,092,770</u>
Special funds	4,105	
Federal funds	396,362	
Interdepartmental transfers	4,064,019	<u>2,927,469</u>
Total	10,643,679	<u>11,420,706</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$75,000: Spillman contract moved from the Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Services where it was to be paid with Criminal History Records Check Special Fund. [Personal Services]

\$702,027: Crosswind CAD RMS contract moved from the Department of Public Safety - Criminal Justice Services where \$606,203 was to be paid with Criminal History Records Check Special Fund. \$95,824 of additional anticipated contract costs have been added to the amount transferred. [Personal Services]

\$50,135 - Agency of Digital Services Allocated Charge; \$297,035 - General Liability Insurance; \$363,582 - VISION/ISD; and \$425,798 - Human Resources Services charges moved from Inter-Departmental Transfer Fund to General Fund. [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 7. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:

Sec. B.210 Public safety – criminal justice services

Personal services	5,387,100	<u>4,705,897</u>
Operating expenses	2,152,467	
Total	7,539,567	<u>6,858,364</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	1,829,099	<u>2,172,295</u>
Special funds	4,975,847	<u>3,951,448</u>
Federal funds	734,621	
Total	7,539,567	<u>6,858,364</u>

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EXPLANATION:

(\$606,203): Crosswind CAD RMS contract moved to the Department of Public Safety - Administration appropriation to be paid with General Fund. [Personal Services]

(\$75,000): Spillman contract moved to the Department of Public Safety - Administration appropriation to be paid with General Fund. [Personal Services]

\$343,196 for the Vermont Criminal Information Center Director and Deputy Director payroll costs moved from the Criminal History Records Check Fund to General Fund. [Personal Services]

Sec. 8. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:

Sec. B.236 Human Right Commission

Personal services 927,697	<u>952,559</u>
Operating expenses 115,103	<u>125,378</u>
Total 1,042,800	<u>1,077,937</u>

Source of funds

General fund 953,800	<u>988,937</u>
Federal funds 89,000	
Total 1,042,800	<u>1,077,937</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$24,862 To cover the absence of planned vacancy savings that have not materialized.

\$2,895 Personal computing devices.

\$7,380 Unanticipated Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement costs

Sec. 9. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

General fund 228,238,448	<u>233,717,668</u>
Transportation fund 20,250,000	
Special funds 119,824,272	<u>118,799,873</u>
Tobacco fund 672,579	
Federal funds 162,959,452	

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Interdepartmental transfers 16,031,869	<u>14,895,319</u>
Enterprise funds 15,070,107	
Total 563,046,727	<u>566,364,998</u>

EXPLANATION:

Adjust Protection to Persons and Property function total.

Sec. 10. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 16,219,746	<u>18,219,746</u>
Operating expenses 7,220,486	<u>6,062,286</u>
Grants 3,795,202	
Total 27,235,434	<u>28,077,234</u>

Source of funds

General fund 12,913,202	<u>11,923,905</u>
Special funds 135,517	
Federal funds 13,565,080	<u>11,606,177</u>
<u>Global Commitment Fund</u>	<u>4,300,000</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 621,635	<u>111,635</u>
Total 27,235,434	<u>28,077,234</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$0: Health Care Reform Investment earnings [\$2.3M Global Commitment Fund + (\$754,843) General Fund + (\$1,035,157) Federal Funds + (\$510,000) Inter-Departmental Transfers].

\$0: AHS net neutral revenue realignment with the Department for Children and Families [\$594,646 General Fund + (\$594,646) Federal Funds].

\$2M Health Care Transformation contract [General Fund].

\$283,800 Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement costs [\$141,900 General Fund + \$141,900 Federal Funds].

(\$1,442,000) Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement costs allocated agency wide [(\$971,000) General Fund + (\$471,000) Federal Funds].

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Sec. 11. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants 2,039,512,911	<u>2,164,607,988</u>
Total 2,039,512,911	<u>2,164,607,988</u>

Source of funds

General fund 668,380,623	<u>716,109,638</u>
Special funds 32,047,905	
Tobacco fund 21,049,373	
State health care resources fund 28,053,557	
Federal funds 1,285,494,243	<u>1,363,223,270</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 4,487,210	<u>4,124,245</u>
Total 2,039,512,911	<u>2,164,607,988</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$4.3M: Secretary's Office Global Commitment requirements [\$1,813,310 General Fund + \$2,486,690 Federal Funds]

\$69.4M: Department of Vermont Health Access Global Commitment requirements [\$29,285,247 General Fund + \$40,160,441 Federal Funds]

\$154K: Department of Mental Health Global Commitment requirements [\$64,970 General Fund + \$89,097 Federal Funds]

(\$2.1M): Department for Children and Families Global Commitment requirements [\$865,172) General Fund + (\$1,186,458) Federal Funds]

\$55.9M: Department of Aging and Independent Living Global Commitment requirements [\$23,561,414 General Fund + \$32,311,041 Federal Funds]

\$0: Children's Health Insurance Program Qualifying Claims [\$872,965 General Fund + (\$872,965) Inter-Departmental Transfer]

\$0: New Adult Caseload and Utilization adjustments [\$3,868,216) General Fund + \$3,868,216 Federal Funds]

\$0: Health Care Reform Investment [\$510,000) General Fund + \$510,000 Inter-Departmental Transfer]

(\$730K): SFY24 General Fund carryforward used to offset costs in Choices for Care as required per 32 V.S.A. Chapter 76

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(\$1.9M): SFY24 General Fund carryforward used to offset Medicaid Consensus adjustments.

Sec. 12. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.305 is amended to read:

Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

Personal services	330,000	
Operating expenses	13,170,000	<u>16,870,000</u>
Total	13,500,000	<u>17,200,000</u>

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	13,500,000	<u>17,200,000</u>
Total	13,500,000	<u>17,200,000</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$3.7M Inter-Departmental Transfer for department bill backs.

Sec. 13. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	134,929,148	<u>136,693,560</u>
Operating expenses	44,171,193	<u>39,250,661</u>
Grants	3,112,301	
Total	182,212,642	<u>179,056,522</u>

Source of funds

General fund	39,872,315	<u>42,023,781</u>
Special funds	4,733,015	
Federal funds	128,790,580	<u>124,836,223</u>
Global Commitment fund	4,308,574	
Interdepartmental transfers	4,508,158	<u>3,154,929</u>
Total	182,212,642	<u>179,056,522</u>

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EXPLANATION:

\$0: Department of Vermont Health Access contracts. Net funding change with Medicaid only Advanced Planning Document (APD). \$327,989 General Fund + \$244,221 Federal Funds + (\$572,210) Inter-Departmental Transfer Fund [Personal Services]

\$200,046: Justice re-entry Medicaid Management Information System modifications (Demonstration neutral). \$100,023 General Fund + \$100,023 Federal Fund. [Personal Services]

\$331,758: Health Access Eligibility & Enrollment Unit temporary employees to address the Medicaid for the Aged, Blind and Disabled backlog. \$165,879 General Fund + \$165,879 Federal Funds [Personal Services]

\$547,984: Vermont Legal Aid moving from the Global Commitment Program. \$273,992 General Fund + \$273,992 Federal Funds [Personal Services]

\$684,624: Medicaid Management Information System Gainwell contract amendment #4. \$96,171 General Fund + \$588,453 Federal Funds. [Personal Services]

(\$8,000,000): Agency of Digital Services contracts. Federal Funds adjustment for actual expenditures timing [Operating Expenditures]

\$0: Agency of Digital Services contracts. Net funding change with Medicaid only Advanced Planning Document (APD). \$447,678 General Fund + \$333,341 Federal Funds + (\$781,019) Inter-Departmental Transfer Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$231,800: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$115,900 General Fund + \$115,900 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$847,668: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$423,834 General Fund + \$423,834 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$2,000,000: Project management support for Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) replacement. \$200,000 General Fund + \$1,800,000 Federal Fund [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 14. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	547,983	
Grants	899,550,794	<u>964,407,046</u>
Total	900,098,777	<u>964,955,029</u>
Source of funds		
Global Commitment fund	900,098,777	<u>964,955,029</u>
Total	900,098,777	<u>964,955,029</u>

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(\$15,000,000): Change Healthcare state fiscal year 2024 pharmacy rebates collection delayed. \$15 million one-time offset collected through August. [Grants]

(\$4,396,657): Blueprint Spoke and Pregnancy Intervention Initiative adjustment (Department of Vermont Health Access net neutral). [Grants]

(\$547,983): Vermont Legal Aid moving to the Department of Vermont Health Access Administration appropriation. [Grants]

\$25,000: Federally mandated hospice rate increases [Grants]

\$791,667: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) - Medicare Economic Index (MEI) 5 months - Placeholder until actual rate is final. [Grants]

\$5,177,695: Accountable Care Organization calendar year 2023 reconciliation [Grants]

\$78,806,530: Caseload and Utilization adjustment [Grants]

Sec. 15. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

Grants 63,033,948	<u>67,780,595</u>
Total 63,033,948	<u>67,780,595</u>
Source of funds	
General fund 62,151,546	<u>62,308,757</u>
Global Commitment fund 882,402	<u>5,471,838</u>
Total 63,033,948	<u>67,780,595</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$750,000): Vermont Cost Sharing Reduction (VCSR) – January 1, 2025 impact of silver plan pricing [Grants]

(\$333,310): State fiscal year 2024 carryforward offset. [Grants]

\$1,240,521: Caseload and utilization adjustments for Immigrant Health Insurance Plan, VPharm, Safety Net and Community Rehabilitation and Treatment, Dental [Grants]

\$4,589,436: Blueprint Spoke and Pregnancy Intervention Initiative adjustment (Department of Vermont Health Access net neutral). [Grants]

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Sec. 16. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

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

Grants 34,994,888	<u>38,232,431</u>
Total 34,994,888	<u>38,232,431</u>

Source of funds

General fund 12,511,405	<u>13,459,034</u>
Federal funds 22,483,483	<u>24,773,397</u>
Total 34,994,888	<u>38,232,431</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$192,779): Blueprint Spoke and Pregnancy Intervention Initiative adjustment (Department of Vermont Health Access net neutral). (\$56,426) General Fund + (\$136,353) Federal Funds [Grants]

\$3,430,322: Caseload and Utilization adjustment. \$1,004,055 General Fund + \$2,426,267 Federal Funds [Grants]

Sec. 17. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services 8,373,168	
Operating expenses 7,519,722	<u>8,166,662</u>
Grants 7,985,727	
Total 23,878,617	<u>24,525,557</u>

Source of funds

General fund 3,189,843	<u>3,513,313</u>
Special funds 2,308,186	
Federal funds 11,040,433	<u>11,363,903</u>
Global Commitment fund 7,173,924	
Interdepartmental transfers 166,231	
Total 23,878,617	<u>24,525,557</u>

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EXPLANATION:

\$241,706: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$120,853 General Fund + \$120,853 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$405,234: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$202,617 General Fund + \$202,617 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 18. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	67,812,371	
Operating expenses	11,025,497	
Grants	46,766,832	<u>46,866,832</u>
Total	125,604,700	<u>125,704,700</u>

Source of funds

General fund	12,908,892	<u>13,008,892</u>
Special funds	24,906,804	
Tobacco fund	1,088,918	
Federal funds	64,038,301	
Global Commitment fund	17,036,150	
Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635	
Permanent trust funds	25,000	
Total	125,604,700	<u>125,704,700</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$100,000: General Fund grant to Planned Parenthood of Northern New England for womens' healthcare needs. [Grants]

Sec. 19. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:

Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs

Personal services	6,570,967
Operating expenses	511,500

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Grants 58,215,510	<u>59,240,635</u>
Total 65,297,977	<u>66,323,102</u>
Source of funds	
General fund 6,672,061	<u>7,697,186</u>
Special funds 2,413,678	
Tobacco fund 949,917	
Federal funds 15,456,754	
Global Commitment fund 39,805,567	
Total 65,297,977	<u>66,323,102</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$1,025,125: 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101(b)(1)(A) originally estimated a \$12M balance in the Cannabis Regulation Fund to be transferred to the General Fund in FY25 per 32 V.S.A. 845. 32 V.S.A. 7909(a) requires 30% of that transfer to be dedicated for substance use prevention programming. The actual transfer was \$15,417,084.32. The additional \$3,417,084.32 is being added to the original \$12M in this BAA. 30% of this additional transfer amount, \$1,025,125, must be provided to VDH for substance use prevention programming. [Grants]

Sec. 20. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services 50,191,086	
Operating expenses 5,517,999	<u>5,709,973</u>
Grants 270,625,138	<u>272,536,080</u>
Total 326,334,223	<u>328,437,139</u>
Source of funds	
General fund 25,555,311	<u>26,279,270</u>
Special funds 1,718,092	
Federal funds 11,436,913	<u>12,661,803</u>
Global Commitment fund 287,609,767	<u>287,763,834</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 14,140	
Total 326,334,223	<u>328,437,139</u>

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EXPLANATION:

\$62,202: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$31,101 General Fund + \$31,101 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$129,772: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$64,886 General Fund + \$64,886 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

(\$739,896): Transfer Global Commitment Funds to the Department for Children and Families - Child Development Division for the Addison County Parent Child Center Grant (Agency of Human Services net neutral). [Grants]

(\$435,988): Transfer Global Commitment Funds to the Department for Children and Families - Child Development Division for the Northwestern Counseling & Support Services Grant (Agency of Human Services net neutral). [Grants]

\$1,128,903: Additional Federal Funds received. [Grants]

\$1,957,923: Private Non-Medical Institution (PNMI) caseload and utilization adjustment [Grants]

Sec. 21. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 46,644,080	<u>44,844,080</u>
Operating expenses 17,560,755	<u>19,402,705</u>
Grants 5,627,175	
Total 69,832,010	<u>69,873,960</u>

Source of funds

General fund 39,722,724	<u>40,113,958</u>
Special funds 2,781,912	
Federal funds 24,448,223	<u>24,098,939</u>
Global Commitment fund 2,417,024	
Interdepartmental transfers 462,127	
Total 69,832,010	<u>69,873,960</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$1,800,000): General Fund provided in the base appropriation for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) is being moved to existing one-time appropriation

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3440892506 to consolidate the spending authority in a single appropriation, provide for ease of administration, and remove one-time project costs from the base. [Personal Services]

\$0: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Revenue Realignment (DCF net-neutral) \$1,100,000 General Fund + (\$1,100,000) Federal Funds [Personal Services]

\$651,152: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$495,835 General Fund + \$155,317 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$1,190,798: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$595,399 General Fund + \$595,399 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 22. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	45,197,694	<u>45,286,553</u>
Operating expenses	5,315,309	
Grants	98,251,027	<u>97,732,465</u>
Total	148,764,030	<u>148,334,327</u>

Source of funds

General fund	58,838,741	<u>59,984,059</u>
Special funds	729,587	
Federal funds	34,666,196	<u>36,180,206</u>
Global Commitment fund	54,514,506	<u>51,425,475</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	15,000	
Total	148,764,030	<u>148,334,327</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$61,141): Balanced and Restorative Justice Global Commitment Fund technical correction (Department for Children and Families net neutral). [Personal Services]

\$0: Revenue realignment with the Agency of Human Services (Agency of Human Services net neutral) (\$594,646) General Fund + \$594,646 Federal Fund [Personal Services]

\$0: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) revenue realignment (Department for Children and Families net neutral) (\$1,338,188) General Fund + \$1,338,188 Federal Fund [Personal Services]

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\$0: Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) Matrix Revenue adjustments \$2,732,488 General Fund + (\$2,732,488) Global Commitment Fund [Personal Services]

\$150,000: General Fund Technical Correction - Defender General Agreement (Department for Children and Families net neutral) [Personal Services]

(\$1,808,408): Sub-care caseload adjustments. (\$999,034) General Fund + (\$106,789) Federal Funds + (\$702,585) Global Commitment Fund. [Grants]

(\$642,566): Sub-adopt caseload adjustments. (\$320,247) General Fund + (\$322,319) Federal Funds. [Grants]

(\$446,253): Transfer Youth Homelessness General Funds to the Department for Children and Families Office of Economic Opportunity (Department for Children and Families net neutral) Changed from Personal Services to Grants. [Grants]

(\$270,234): Post Permanency technical correction (Department for Children and Families net neutral) (\$145,926) General Fund + (\$124,308) Federal Funds Changed from Personal Services to grants. [Grants]

(\$150,000): General Fund Technical Correction - Defender General Agreement (Department for Children and Families net neutral) [Grants]

\$0: Social Security Act Section IV-E - Foster Care revenue adjustment. \$525,000 General Fund + (\$525,000) Federal Funds. [Grants]

\$43,917: Post Permanency conversion to Global Commitment Fund and caseload increase. (Department for Children and Families net neutral) [Grants]

\$50,000: University of Vermont Child Safety contract General Fund increase [Grants]

\$61,141: Balanced and Restorative Justice Global Commitment Fund technical correction (Department for Children and Families net neutral). [Grants]

\$302,125: Post Permanency conversion to Global Commitment Fund and rate increase. (Department for Children and Families net neutral) [Grants]

\$2,341,716: Transportation grant adjustment. \$1,682,124 General Fund + \$659,592 Federal Fund. [Grants]

Sec. 23. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 5,908,038

Operating expenses 813,321

Grants ~~223,329,336~~ 211,815,836

Total ~~230,050,695~~ 218,537,195

Source of funds

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General fund	76,723,518	<u>51,443,165</u>
Special funds	96,312,000	<u>109,512,000</u>
Federal funds	43,511,414	<u>42,902,383</u>
Global Commitment fund	13,503,763	<u>14,679,647</u>
Total	230,050,695	<u>218,537,195</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$13,082,592): Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP) General Fund caseload savings [Grants]

\$0: Child Care Financial Assistance Program July'24 Emergency Board consensus revenue adjustment. (\$13,200,000) General Fund + \$13,200,000 Child Care Contribution Special Fund [Grants]

\$0: Transportation grant adjustment. \$370,843 General Fund + (\$370,843) Federal Fund. [Grants]

\$0: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) revenue adjustment (Department for Children and Families net neutral). \$238,188 General Fund + (\$238,188) Federal Funds [Grants]

\$184,974: General Fund for Addison County Parent Child Center caseload adjustment. [Grants]

\$202,234: General Fund for Northwestern Counseling & Support Services caseload adjustment. [Grants]

\$435,988: Transfer Global Commitment Funds to the Department for Children and Families - Child Development Division for the Northwestern Counseling & Support Services Grant (Agency of Human Services net neutral). [Grants]

\$739,896: Transfer Global Commitment Funds to the Department for Children and Families - Child Development Division for the Addison County Parent Child Center Grant (Agency of Human Services net neutral). [Grants]

Sec. 24. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:

Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

Personal services	13,157,660	<u>13,061,794</u>
Operating expenses	3,759,992	
Total	16,917,652	<u>16,821,786</u>

Source of funds

General fund	5,200,064	<u>5,163,429</u>
Special funds	455,719	

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Federal funds 10,874,269	<u>10,815,038</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 387,600	
Total 16,917,652	<u>16,821,786</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$95,866): One full-time, permanent, classified position transferred to the Department for Children and Families - Office of Economic Opportunity for use on permanent supportive housing. (\$36,635) General Fund + (\$59,231) Federal Funds [Personal Services]

Sec. 25. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 2,252,206	<u>2,481,741</u>
Grants 10,717,444	<u>10,369,155</u>
Total 12,969,650	<u>12,850,896</u>

Source of funds

General fund 7,376,133	<u>7,368,843</u>
Global Commitment fund 5,593,517	<u>5,482,053</u>
Total 12,969,650	<u>12,850,896</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$229,535: General Fund payment for caseload adjustment administration. [Personal Services]

(\$468,868): Benefit caseload adjustment. (\$236,825) General Fund + (\$232,043) Global Commitment Fund [Grants]

\$120,579: Global Commitment Fund for Essential Persons caseload adjustment. [Grants]

Sec. 26. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 15,000	
Grants 11,054,252	<u>10,702,625</u>
Total 11,069,252	<u>10,717,625</u>

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Source of funds

General fund 10,811,345	<u>10,486,987</u>
Federal funds 11,320	<u>11,070</u>
Global Commitment fund 246,587	<u>219,568</u>
Total 11,069,252	<u>10,717,625</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$218,515): Personal Needs and Incidentals (PNI) caseload adjustment. (\$218,265) General Fund + (\$250) Federal Fund. [Grants]

(\$133,112): Support Services caseload adjustment. (\$106,093) General Fund + (\$27,019) Global Commitment Fund. [Grants]

Sec. 27. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.322 is amended to read:

Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

Grants 44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>
Total 44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>

Source of funds

Federal funds 44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>
Total 44,377,812	<u>45,677,812</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$1,300,000: Federal Funds for 3 Squares regular benefit caseload adjustment. [Grants]

Sec. 28. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

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

Operating expenses 23,821	
Grants 37,230,488	<u>36,730,493</u>
Total 37,254,309	<u>36,754,314</u>

Source of funds

General fund 24,733,042	<u>24,233,047</u>
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Special funds	5,970,229	
Federal funds	2,806,330	
Global Commitment fund	3,744,708	
Total	37,254,309	<u>36,754,314</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$499,995): General Fund change per caseload adjustment. [Grants]

Sec. 29. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	817,029	<u>1,042,639</u>
Operating expenses	100,407	
Grants	35,466,283	<u>35,812,536</u>
Total	36,383,719	<u>36,955,582</u>

Source of funds

General fund	28,178,010	<u>28,687,068</u>
Special funds	83,135	
Federal funds	4,935,273	<u>4,998,078</u>
Global Commitment fund	3,187,301	
Total	36,383,719	<u>36,955,582</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$100,000: General Fund moved from Grants to Personal Services for shelter expansion (Department for Children and Families net neutral). [Personal Services]

\$125,610: One full-time, permanent, classified position transferred from the Department for Children and Families - Office of Economic Opportunity for use on permanent supportive housing. (\$62,805) General Fund + \$62,805 Federal Funds [Personal Services]

(\$100,000): General Fund moved from Grants to Personal Services for shelter expansion (Department for Children and Families net neutral). [Grants]

\$446,253: Transfer Youth Homelessness General Funds from the Department for Children and Families Family Services appropriation (Department for Children and Families net neutral) Changed from Personal Services to Grants. [Grants]

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Sec. 30. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	45,217,977	<u>46,217,977</u>
Operating expenses	6,472,558	<u>6,714,680</u>
Total	51,690,535	<u>52,932,657</u>

Source of funds

General fund	22,916,281	<u>24,037,342</u>
Special funds	1,390,457	
Federal funds	26,063,097	<u>26,184,158</u>
Global Commitment fund	35,000	
Interdepartmental transfers	1,285,700	
Total	51,690,535	<u>52,932,657</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$1,000,000: General Fund transferred from the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living - Vocational Rehabilitation appropriation. Provides funding directly to the appropriation from which Vocational Rehabilitation payroll costs are paid. Technical accounting adjustment. [Personal Services]

\$95,648: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$47,824 General Fund + \$47,824 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

\$146,474: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$73,237 General Fund + \$73,237 Federal Funds [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 31. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

Grants	24,571,060	<u>24,781,798</u>
Total	24,571,060	<u>24,781,798</u>

Source of funds

General fund	8,392,303	<u>8,504,605</u>
Federal funds	7,321,114	

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Global Commitment fund 8,857,643	<u>8,956,079</u>
Total 24,571,060	<u>24,781,798</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$210,738: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees collective bargaining agreement adjustment; inclusive of \$87,027 bonus. \$112,302 General Fund + \$98,436 Global Commitment Fund. [Grants]

Sec. 32. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational rehabilitation

Grants 10,179,845	<u>9,179,845</u>
Total 10,179,845	<u>9,179,845</u>

Source of funds

General fund 1,371,845	<u>371,845</u>
Federal funds 7,558,000	
Interdepartmental transfers 1,250,000	
Total 10,179,845	<u>9,179,845</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$1,000,000): General Fund transferred to the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living - Administration appropriation. Provides funding directly to the appropriation from which Vocational Rehabilitation payroll costs are paid. Technical accounting adjustment (Department of Aging and Independent Living net neutral). [Personal Services]

Sec. 33. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

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

Grants 329,299,344	<u>331,262,271</u>
Total 329,299,344	<u>331,262,271</u>

Source of funds

General fund 132,732	
Special funds 15,463	

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Federal funds	403,573	
Global Commitment fund	328,697,576	<u>330,660,503</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	50,000	
Total	329,299,344	<u>331,262,271</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$1,962,927: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees collective bargaining agreement adjustment; inclusive of \$1,085,462 bonus. [Grants]

Sec. 34. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

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

Grants	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>
Total	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>
Total	6,845,005	<u>6,864,520</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$19,515: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees collective bargaining agreement adjustment; inclusive of \$4,557 bonus. [Grants]

Sec. 35. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care

Grants	293,584,545	<u>347,376,122</u>
Total	293,584,545	<u>347,376,122</u>

Source of funds

General fund	498,579	
Federal funds	2,450,000	
Global Commitment fund	290,635,966	<u>344,427,543</u>
Total	293,584,545	<u>347,376,122</u>

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EXPLANATION:

\$999,680: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees collective bargaining agreement bonus. [Grants]

\$1,300,000: Nursing home transition from Resource Utilization Groups - IV (RUG-IV) to Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM). [Grants]

\$1,731,056: Carryforward Required per 33 V.S.A. Chapter 76 for Choices for Care [Grants]

\$4,267,958: The SFY23 cost settlement for the Vermont Veterans' Home to be paid in SFY25. [Grants]

\$21,000,000: Nursing Home Emergency Fiscal Relief adjustment [Grants]

\$24,492,883: Nursing Home (NH) Medicaid bed day adjustment 77,755 days @ \$315/day approximately [Grants]

Sec. 36. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	147,472,104	<u>148,472,104</u>
Operating expenses	24,914,205	<u>25,249,795</u>
Total	172,386,309	<u>173,721,899</u>

Source of funds

General fund	162,807,888	<u>163,643,478</u>
Special funds	935,963	
ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	
Federal funds	499,888	<u>999,888</u>
Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	
Interdepartmental transfers	396,315	
Total	172,386,309	<u>173,721,899</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$1,000,000: Justice Re-entry Offender Management System and Electronic Health Records system modifications (demonstration neutral). \$500,000 General Fund + \$500,000 Federal Fund. [Personal Services]

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\$159,481: Agency of Human Services Central Office allocated portion of the Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$159,481 General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$176,109: Additional Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges. \$176,109 General Fund [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 37. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 17,631,222	<u>17,595,290</u>
Operating expenses 5,013,462	<u>13,247,462</u>
<u>Grants</u>	<u>1,583,157</u>
Total 22,644,684	<u>32,425,909</u>

Source of funds

General fund 4,320,687	<u>11,224,018</u>
Special funds 10,051,903	<u>12,450,095</u>
Federal funds 8,272,094	<u>8,751,796</u>
Total 22,644,684	<u>32,425,909</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$371,020): Health Insurance. General Fund. [Personal Services]

\$0: Volume Adjustments. \$1,390,064 General Fund + (\$1,869,766) Special Fund + \$479,702 Federal Funds. [Personal Services]

\$31,656: Child Care Contribution Tax. General Fund. [Personal Services]

\$41,808: Family Medical Leave Insurance. General Fund [Personal Services]

\$261,624: Retirement Benefits. General Fund [Personal Services]

\$0: FY23 VT Medicaid Settlement paid in FY25. (\$4,267,958) General Fund + \$4,267,958 Special Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$20,000: Overhead Paging System. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$60,000: Transportation. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$73,000: Occupational Rehabilitation. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$85,000: Speech Therapy. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$100,000: Repairs & Maintenance. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

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\$100,000: Electricity. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$140,000: Medications. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$170,000: Administrative Purchased Services. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$240,000: Physical Rehabilitation. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$245,000: Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning units for resident rooms. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$265,000: Food. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$836,000: Physician Services. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$5,900,000: Temporary Employment Agencies. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

\$710,126: Repay costs charged to construction grant following grant termination. General Fund [Grants]

\$873,031: State's 35% participation of VA Security Grant. General Fund [Grants]

Sec. 38. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund	1,328,118,806	<u>1,364,156,647</u>
Special funds	202,800,452	<u>218,398,644</u>
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	
State health care resources fund	28,053,557	
ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	
Federal funds	1,803,398,922	<u>1,882,012,745</u>
Global Commitment fund	1,980,839,553	<u>2,108,560,133</u>
Internal service funds	490,853	
Interdepartmental transfers	32,893,535	<u>34,367,341</u>
Permanent trust funds	25,000	
Total	5,404,708,886	<u>5,664,153,128</u>

EXPLANATION:

Adjust Human Services function total.

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Sec. 39. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.501 is amended to read:

Sec. B.501 Education - education services

Personal services 28,237,700	<u>28,312,700</u>
Operating expenses 1,134,912	
Grants 322,345,763	
Total 351,718,375	<u>351,793,375</u>

Source of funds

General fund 6,387,955	<u>6,462,955</u>
Special funds 3,033,144	
Tobacco fund 750,388	
Federal funds 340,584,414	
Interdepartmental transfers 962,474	
Total 351,718,375	<u>351,793,375</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$75,000: General Fund backfills revenue loss from the Teachers' Licensing Fund, that supports the peer review process for alternative licensing procedures, due to a suspension of fees. [Personal Services]

Sec. 40. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504 is amended to read:

Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants 4,694,183	<u>4,997,820</u>
Total 4,694,183	<u>4,997,820</u>

Source of funds

General fund 3,778,133	<u>4,081,770</u>
Federal funds 916,050	
Total 4,694,183	<u>4,997,820</u>

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EXPLANATION:

\$303,637: 60% of the increased demand for Adult Diploma Program services is paid with General Fund from this appropriation. [Grants]

Sec. 41. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504.1 is amended to read:

Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

Grants 11,361,755	<u>11,564,179</u>
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Total 11,361,755	<u>11,564,179</u>
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Source of funds

General fund 921,500	
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Education fund 10,440,255	<u>10,642,679</u>
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Total 11,361,755	<u>11,564,179</u>
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EXPLANATION:

\$202,424: 40% of the increased demand for Adult Diploma Program services is paid with Education Fund from this appropriation. [Grants]

Sec. 42. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants 1,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
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Total 11,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
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Source of funds

Education fund 1,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
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Total 1,893,267,394	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
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EXPLANATION:

(\$8,000,000): Education Spending was less than anticipated following school budget failures and revotes. [Grants]

(\$3,000,000): English Language Learners grant was originally budgeted in this appropriation. The General Assembly did not reduce this appropriation when a separate appropriation for English Language Learners was established. [Grants]

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Sec. 43. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:

Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

Grants 20,400,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total 20,400,000	<u>17,500,000</u>

Source of funds

Education fund 20,400,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total 20,400,000	<u>17,500,000</u>

EXPLANATION:

(\$2,900,000): Appropriation exceeds demand for meal services. [Grants]

Sec. 44. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund 228,890,519	<u>229,269,156</u>
Special funds 23,651,687	
Tobacco fund 750,388	
Education fund 2,323,283,242	<u>2,309,585,666</u>
Federal funds 354,654,849	
Global Commitment fund 260,000	
Interdepartmental transfers 1,467,771	
Pension trust funds 3,572,780	
Total 2,936,531,236	<u>2,923,212,297</u>

EXPLANATION:

Adjust General Education function total.

Sec. 45. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:

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

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Personal services	7,880,566	<u>7,913,766</u>
Operating expenses	1,005,046	
Grants	1,712,423	<u>1,713,923</u>
Total	10,598,035	<u>10,632,735</u>

Source of funds

General fund	6,299,512	<u>6,334,212</u>
Special funds	547,215	
Federal funds	3,394,931	
Interdepartmental transfers	356,377	
Total	10,598,035	<u>10,632,735</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$33,200: Unanticipated payroll costs due to wildfires. General Fund [Personal Services]

\$1,500: Town Reimbursement due to wildfires. General Fund [Grants]

Sec. 46. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:

Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

Personal services	27,995,328	
Operating expenses	10,788,954	<u>10,816,954</u>
Grants	4,943,000	
Total	43,727,282	<u>43,755,282</u>

Source of funds

General fund	199,372	<u>227,372</u>
Special funds	24,643,580	
Federal funds	18,800,064	
Interdepartmental transfers	84,266	
Total	43,727,282	<u>43,755,282</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$28,000: Environmental Lab Services. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

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Sec. 47. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

Personal services	50,153,806	
Operating expenses	8,362,915	<u>8,370,915</u>
Grants	92,365,140	
Total	150,881,861	<u>150,889,861</u>

Source of funds

General fund	11,887,629	<u>11,895,629</u>
Special funds	30,967,150	
Federal funds	107,154,542	
Interdepartmental transfers	872,540	
Total	150,881,861	<u>150,889,861</u>

EXPLANATION:

\$8,000: Environmental Lab Services. General Fund [Operating Expenses]

Sec. 48. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund	42,792,800	<u>42,863,500</u>
Special funds	81,275,829	
Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331	
Federal funds	152,068,301	
Interdepartmental transfers	14,131,324	
Total	300,686,585	<u>300,757,285</u>

EXPLANATION:

Adjust Natural Resources function total.

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Sec. 49. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

(d) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(9) ~~\$400,000-\$550,000~~ General Fund for the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey.

(10) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health equity.

(11) \$4,000,000 General Fund for contingent sustainability grants to mental health and substance use residential treatment facilities.

(e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(4) \$340,000 General Fund and \$660,000 Federal Funds for the Office of Child Support mainframe transition planning. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 703, unless otherwise reverted by a future act of the General Assembly, these appropriations shall carryforward until fully expended

(5) \$1,800,000 General Fund shall be added to existing one-time appropriation 3440892506, as appropriated per 2024 Act and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B1102(b)(4), for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS)

(n) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) ~~\$3,913,200~~\$5,586,324 General Fund and ~~\$5,366,383~~\$7,713,259 federal funds to be used for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid Global Payment Program. To the extent that at a future date the Global Payment Program ceases to operate as a program or changes methodology to a retrospective payment program, any resulting one-time General Fund spending authority remaining at that time shall be reverted. If the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b has not been replenished in accordance with subdivision (b)(21) of Sec. B.1102 of this act, the remaining unallocated General Fund balance shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount appropriated in this subdivision.

(o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) ~~\$9,279,583~~\$13,299,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid Global Payment Program;

(2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's health insurance markets; and

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(3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare Savings Programs eligibility.

(w) State Treasurer's Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$14,000,000 General Fund is appropriated to existing one-time Dept ID 1260892201 – TRE-Bond Redemption per the August 8, 2024 Emergency Board directive.

EXPLANATION:

(d)(9) Household Health Insurance Survey. Adds \$150,000 General Fund to the existing one-time appropriation 3420892503 per 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(d)(9).

(d)(10) The General Assembly originally appropriated \$500K General Fund, to the Secretary of Administration, for Community Health Equity grants in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100(a)(3). This appropriation is reverted in Section D.102(a) of this recommendation and reestablished, in this section, under the Vermont Department of Health where the Office of Health Equity now resides.

(d)(11) Contingent sustainability funding for substance use disorder residential treatment.

(e)(4) Transition planning for the Office of Child Support to move their management system off the ACCESS mainframe. \$340,000 General Fund + \$660,000 Federal Funds.

(e)(5) Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) spending authority moved from the Department for Children and Families Administration and Support base appropriation, per 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.316, to one-time appropriation 3440892506, per 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1102(b)(4), in order to consolidate all project funds in a single appropriation for simpler administration and remove one-time costs from base. [net neutral].

(n)(1) Global Commitment source funding for the Department of Vermont Health Access's one-time request for the Global Payment Program (GPP). Payment owed to 7 remaining hospitals joining the Global Payment Program in calendar year 2025 in anticipation of AHEAD. Adds to existing appropriation 3400892501 per 2024 Act and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(n)(1). \$1,673,124 General Fund + \$2,346,876 Federal Funds

(o)(1) Global Commitment funding for the Department of Vermont Health Access's one-time request for the Global Payment Program (GPP). Payment owed to 7 remaining hospitals joining the Global Payment Program in calendar year 2025 in anticipation of AHEAD. Adds to existing appropriation 3410892501 per 2024 Act and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(o)(1).

(w)(1) The Emergency Board, at its August 8, 2024 meeting, reduced existing Dept ID 1260892201 – TRE-Bond Redemption by \$14M to provide \$7M to the existing Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program (BEGAP) and establish a \$7M Rapid Response Mobile Home Infill Program. The Emergency Board required that the Governor's proposed FY25 Budget Adjustment Act return the \$14M to the Treasurer's one-time Bond Redemption appropriation.

Sec. 50. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

Sec. D.100 ALLOCATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

(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.

(1) The sum of \$575,662 is allocated from the Current Use Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts in excess of \$575,662 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

(2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$22,106,740~~ \$28,238,050 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established in 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred into 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 in 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of ~~\$22,106,740~~ \$28,238,050 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), amounts in excess of ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. The ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) ~~\$6,404,540~~ \$6,336,479 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) ~~\$931,773~~ \$1,810,423 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

(C) ~~\$436,060~~ \$905,211 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

EXPLANATION:

The language implements the General Assembly's intent for both Act 113 and Act 181, with the \$24,975 correcting adjustment needed per the Legislative Letter of Intent, and adjusts the allocations per the updated percentages required in Act 181.

Sec. 51. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

(1) From the General Fund to the:

(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): ~~\$73,212,880~~
\$78,235,088.34.

(J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): ~~\$830,000~~ \$6,500,000.

(K) Education Fund (#20205): \$25,000,000.

(L) Medical Insurance Fund (#55100): \$18,500,000

(M) Correctional Industries Fund (#59100): \$3,135,443

(N) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$900,000

(2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

~~(A) Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000.~~

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025:

(1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated:

(A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): ~~\$12,000,000~~ \$15,417,084.32.

(B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005): \$4,641,960.

(C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,000,000~~ \$6,139,162.

(D) Liquor Control Fund (#50300): ~~\$21,100,000~~ \$9,543,353.

~~(E) Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#21370): \$3,000,000.~~

(F) Financial Institutions Supervision Fund (#21065): \$1,100,000.

(G) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913): \$2,598,921.75

(H) Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (#21994): The balance of the fund at the close of fiscal year 2025.

(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements.

(A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638): \$2,000,000.

(B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): ~~\$6,500,000~~ \$10,995,595.

(3) ~~\$66,935,000~~ \$63,560,450.50 of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

EXPLANATION:

(a)(1)(A) The first payment of the June 2024 General Obligation issuance is due in February 2025. Spending authority for the payment from the Debt Service Fund is provided to the State Treasurer via 32 V.S.A. § 902(b). This payment necessitates the general fund transfer included in the recommended FY25 Budget Adjustment Act to backfill the cash deficit in the Debt Service Fund caused by the timing between when the authorized payment is made and the authorized transfer occurs.

(a)(1)(J) Increased demand following the July 2024 flood.

(a)(1)(L) Deficit capitalization resulting from claims experience exceeding expectations and increased pharmacy costs.

(a)(1)(M) Deficit capitalization less \$92,459 for outstanding receivables.

(a)(1)(N) Transfer mitigates loss of revenues to the Act 250 Permit Fund and is funded by reducing the one-time appropriation provided by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 113b at the request of the Natural Resources Board.

(a)(2)(A) The transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Vermont Recreational Trails Fund is codified per 10 V.S.A. § 446. Inclusion of the session law language leads to an unintentional doubling of the transfer. This transaction is not recorded on the BAA worksheet because the unintended doubling was never included on the Transportation Fund operating statement. Inclusion on the worksheet would require adding money back to the Transportation Fund to record the reversal and then an offsetting adjustment to account for it never being added to the operating statement.

(b)(1)(A) Amends the estimate for the actual amount transferred after the close of FY24 in accordance with 7 V.S.A. § 845.

(b)(1)(C) The Department of Liquor and Lottery anticipates \$860,838 less of sports wagering receipts available for transfer to the General Fund due to a trend of increased winnings and payouts to players, as reported to the Department of Liquor and Lottery from the state's market operators.

(b)(1)(D) The Department of Liquor and Lottery adjusted the FY25 transfer to the General Fund based upon current year market conditions and to compensate for an excessive prior year transfer, beyond the amount of profits earned, that put the fund in deficit. The reduction returns the fund to a net balanced position in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

(B)(1)(E) The General Assembly transferred \$3 million dollars to the General Fund from the Tobacco Litigation Special Fund to balance their budget. This transfer is leading to a \$1.6 million anticipated FY26 year-end deficit in the Tobacco Litigation Special Fund. The General Assembly's transfer is unnecessary to meet FY25 demands and eliminating the transfer puts the Tobacco Litigation Special Fund back in a projected year-end surplus position in FY26.

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(b)(1)(G) The Workforce Education & Training Fund was funded by a transfer from the Next Generation Initiative Fund, which in turn was funded by a General Fund Transfer. The Next Generation Fund was deactivated and the programmatic costs previously covered by the WET fund are now part of the Labor Department's base General Fund appropriation. This fund is now obsolete and should be eliminated. The balance can be returned to the General Fund.

(b)(1)(H) This fund is obsolete. It received one \$140,000.00 transfer to capitalize the fund on August 04, 2008 which was fully expended by February 03, 2010. The fund provided one \$70,000 grant to Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeast Vermont, Inc. and one \$70,000 grant to the Brain Injury Association of Vermont. The \$1,500.00 estimated fiscal year-end balance in the fund is composed entirely of compounded interest earnings received since 2008 and the fund is being repealed by this proposal.

(b)(2)(B) \$4,495,595 was remaining at the close of fiscal year 2024 beyond the required \$4,806,692 transfer per 2024 Acts and Resolved No. 87, Sec. 55.

(b)(3) The original estimate revised for diminishing applications due to fee increases and rebasing original estimate to actuals.

Sec. 52. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:

1210002000 Legislature	\$211,576.00	
1215001000 Legislative Counsel	\$301,089.00	
1220000000 Joint Fiscal Committee/Office	\$301,010.46	
1220890501 Budget System/Transfer to Tax Dept	\$39.54	
1220891802 Decarbonization Mech Study	\$39.00	
3150892104 MH – Case Management Serv	\$350,000.00	<u>\$350,199.34</u>
1100892201 Agency of Administration – 27/53 Reserve	\$8,064,362.69	
1100892302 Agency of Administration – Trans. Retirement	\$3,935,637.31	
<u>1100892403 AOA-Health Equity Community Grants</u>	<u>\$500,000.00</u>	
<u>1120020000 Tuition Assistance Program</u>	<u>\$133,877.86</u>	
<u>1120892401 DHR-New Position in DHR Ops</u>	<u>\$477,769.00</u>	
<u>1120892402 DHR-New Position in VTHR Ops</u>	<u>\$40,726.07</u>	
<u>1140010000 Tax Operation Costs</u>	<u>\$1,267,062.22</u>	

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<u>1140060000 Reappraisal & Listing Payments</u>	<u>\$35,270.75</u>
<u>1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$37,864.25</u>
<u>1140330000 Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$2,186,940.33</u>
<u>1140892403 Tax-Childcare Contr Positions</u>	<u>\$3,591,823.02</u>
<u>1260980000 Debt Service</u>	<u>\$235,445.15</u>
<u>1266892401 VPIC-Pension System Assets</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
<u>2100892201 AG – Racial Disparities</u>	<u>\$48,465.00</u>
<u>2120892203 JUD-Cnty Court House HVAC</u>	<u>\$800,000.00</u>
<u>2120892402 JUD-Essex Cty Courthouse Renov</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<u>2130400000 SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$395,749.64</u>
<u>2150010000 Mil Admin/TAGO</u>	<u>\$142,789.80</u>
<u>2150050000 Mil Vet Affairs Office</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>2160892201 CCVS-VT Forensic Nursing</u>	<u>\$246.43</u>
<u>2160892304 CCVS-Kurn Hattin Survivor</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>2200010000 Administration Division</u>	<u>\$167,222.00</u>
<u>3310000000 Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$25,390.43</u>
<u>3330892401 GMCB-VHCURES Database Implemen</u>	<u>\$545,782.90</u>
<u>3400892111 Supp New Amer, Refugee</u>	<u>\$23,431.00</u>
<u>3400892301 AHSCO-Refugee Resettlement</u>	<u>\$1,293.00</u>
<u>3420892405 HD-Regional Emergency Med</u>	<u>\$8,295.01</u>
<u>3440050000 DCFS - AABD</u>	<u>\$35,310.73</u>
<u>3440892110 DCF – Grants to Reachup</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>
<u>3440892203 DCF-Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$20,708.22</u>
<u>3440892214 DCF-Childcare Provider Workfor</u>	<u>\$294.79</u>
<u>4100500000 VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
<u>5100070000 Education Services</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
<u>5100892101 AOE-VSC Committee Per Diem</u>	<u>\$16,295.33</u>
<u>5100892102 AOA-Advisory Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$9,018.00</u>
<u>5100892103 AOE-ESESAG Per Diems</u>	<u>\$8,960.00</u>
<u>5100892201 AOE- Comm Pub Sch Emp Hlth Ben</u>	<u>\$29,050.00</u>

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<u>5100892202 AOE-Task Force Equit Inclusive</u>	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
<u>5100892302 AOE-Ethnic&Social Equity Per D</u>	<u>\$14,386.24</u>
<u>6100010000 Admin., Management & Planning</u>	<u>\$402,052.99</u>
<u>6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$11,692.11</u>
<u>6140880005 152/00 St Asst Munic Poll Cont</u>	<u>\$126.26</u>
<u>7100892301 Everyone Eats</u>	<u>\$144,565.43</u>
<u>7120892304 DED-Relocated & Remote Worker</u>	<u>\$127,314.33</u>
<u>8100002100 Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$2,482.81</u>

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>5100010000 Administration</u>	<u>\$301,041.03</u>
<u>5100050000 State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$13,687,528.41</u>
<u>5100090000 Education Grant</u>	<u>\$359,570.31</u>
<u>5100110000 Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$593,700.00</u>
<u>5100200000 Education – Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,802,347.44</u>
<u>5100210000 Ed – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,312,334.72</u>
<u>5100892405 AOE-Universal School Meals</u>	<u>\$6,201,479.69</u>

EXPLANATION:

Net reversions in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 703 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 103(a) and (b).

Sec. 53. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:

(1) General Fund.

(A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of ~~\$15,168,663~~ \$15,168,660.85 shall be added to the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

(B) \$5,480,000 shall be added to the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year 2025. This action is the fiscal year 2025 contribution to the reserve for the 53rd week of Medicaid as

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required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

(C) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, \$3,913,200 shall be unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established within the General Fund in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

(D) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of this provision shall, instead, be reserved for permanent housing, property tax relief and any other uses determined to be in the best interest of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. The requirements of this subsection shall extend past July 01 of the subsequent fiscal year and expire upon completion of the current fiscal year’s accounting closure period.

EXPLANATION:

(A) The actual amount to be reserved calculates out to \$15,168,660.85.

(D) Funds generally subject to 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) are being carried forward for use in the FY26 budget. The language ensures that the requirements of this subsection do not expire on June 30 but, instead, expire once the current fiscal year’s accounting closure process has been completed.

Sec. 54. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

(d) The conversion of eight (8) limited-service positions to exempt permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

(1) Office of the Defender General:

- (A) one Administrative Svcs Tech
- (B) one DG IT Specialist II
- (C) one ODG Legal Assistant I
- (D) two Staff Attorney I
- (E) one Financial Specialist III
- (F) one Admin Secretary
- (G) one DG IT Specialist II

EXPLANATION:

The Office of Defender General received one-time funding in fiscal year 2022 (for fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023) and fiscal year 2023 which included funding for eight limited-service positions and caseload relief contractors. In fiscal year 2025 the same amount of money (\$1.283 million) was appropriated in the public defense base budget to continue to fund the caseload relief

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contracts and limited-service positions. The Office of Defender General has a continuing need for these positions.

Early in fiscal year 2025 the Office of Defender General submitted a position pool request to convert the currently filled limited-service positions to exempt permanent positions. The Position Pool Committee recommended the Office of Defender General request to convert the limited-service positions to exempt permanent positions in the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act.

There is no additional funding requested for these positions as the funding was included in the fiscal year 2025 appropriation.

Sec. 55. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a total estimated sum of ~~\$24,301,185~~ \$28,307,335 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

- (1) ~~\$21,295,850~~ \$25,302,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with ~~\$29,204,150~~ \$34,698,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated expenditure of ~~\$50,500,000~~ \$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 created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.
- (2) \$3,005,335 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

(c) Up to ~~\$4,487,210~~ \$3,614,245 is transferred from the Agency of Human Services Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

EXPLANATION:

Subsections (b) and (c) are amended to reflect current estimates.

Sec. 56. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. G.109 is amended to read:

Sec. G.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026

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(a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and salary increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows:

(1) Fiscal year 2025.

(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported by State funds.

(2) Fiscal year 2026.

(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported by State funds.

EXPLANATION:

This is a technical amendment. Revenues from the sale of alcoholic beverages are deposited into the Liquor Control Fund and the residual operating profits are transferred to the General Fund from the Fund not the Board.

Sec. 57. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 7 is amended to read:

Sec. 7. TELEPHONE TAX; REPEAL; TRANSITION

(a) 32 V.S.A. § 8521 (telephone personal property tax) is repealed on July 1, ~~2025~~2026. The final monthly installment payment of the telephone personal property tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8521 levied on the net book value of the taxpayer's personal property as of December 31, ~~2024~~2025 shall be due on or before July 25, ~~2025~~2026.

(b) 32 V.S.A. § 8522 (alternative telephone gross revenues tax) is repealed on January 1, ~~2026~~2027. The final quarterly payment of the alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due on or before January 25, ~~2026~~2027.

(c) Any taxpayer who paid the alternative tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 8522 prior to the repeal of the tax on January 1, ~~2026~~2027 shall become subject to the income tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 beginning with the taxpayer's first income tax year starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~2026. No alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due for any period included in the taxpayer's income tax filing for tax years starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~2026.

(d) In fiscal year ~~2025~~2026, the Division of Property Valuation and Review of the Department of Taxes and all communications service providers with taxable communications property in

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Vermont shall be subject to the inventory and valuation provisions prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 4452, as applicable.

EXPLANATION:

The timeframe originally designated for this complex tax valuation was insufficient to secure the expert contracts needed, and perform the work required. Extending the repeal dates and the valuation period by a year will allow the Department of Taxes to fulfill the legislative intent of Act 145.

Sec. 58. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

(3) Secs. 8–12 (communications property tax) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2025~~2026 and shall apply to grand lists lodged on or after April 1, ~~2025~~2026.

EXPLANATION:

The timeframe originally designated for this complex tax valuation was insufficient to secure the expert contracts needed, and perform the work required. Extending the repeal dates and the valuation period by a year will allow the Department of Taxes to fulfill the legislative intent of Act 145.

Sec. 59. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 157, Sec. 8 is amended to read:

Sec. 8. MEDICAID EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES; TREATMENT WITHOUT TRANSPORT; APPROPRIATION

(b) In fiscal year 2025, the sum of \$31,206.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to a new one-time appropriation within the Agency of Human Services, ~~Global Commitment appropriation~~ for the State match for the increased reimbursement rate set forth in Sec. 3 (33 V.S.A. § 1901m) of this act.

(c) In fiscal year 2025, the sum of \$42,794.00 in federal funds is appropriated to a new one-time appropriation within the Agency of Human Services, ~~Global Commitment appropriation~~ for the State match for the increased reimbursement rate set forth in Sec. 3 (33 V.S.A. § 1901m) of this act.

EXPLANATION:

AHS Central Office requested that this be added as a one-time appropriation instead of added to the GC appropriation.

Sec. 60. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

Sec. 15. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

Notwithstanding 7 V.S.A. § 845(c), in fiscal year 2025:

- (1) \$500,000.00 is transferred from the Cannabis Regulation Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 845 to the Cannabis Business Development Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987; and
- (2) \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis Business ~~19~~-Development Fund to the ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development~~ Department of Economic Development to fund technical assistance and provide loans and grants pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.

EXPLANATION:

This is a technical amendment. Moves the one-time appropriation from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development Central Office to the Department of Economic Development where the operations occur.

Sec. 61. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 78 is repealed:

~~Sec. 78. TRANSFERS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX~~

~~Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), or any other provision of law to the contrary, amounts in excess of \$32,954,775.00 from the property transfer tax shall be transferred into the General Fund. Of this amount:~~

- ~~(1) \$6,106,335.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.~~
- ~~(2) \$1,279,740.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the Municipal and Regional Planning Fund.~~

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EXPLANATION:

Act 113 Section D.100 amendments put forth in this recommendation consolidate the General Assembly's intent regarding Property Transfer Tax distributions rendering this section of Act 181 obsolete. These changes implement the June 28, 2024 Legislative Letter of Intent adjustments

Sec. 62. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 96 is amended to read:

Sec. 96. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND

The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the ~~Vermont State Housing Authority~~ Department of Housing and Community Development in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

EXPLANATION:

Change requested per June 28, 2024 Legislative Letter of Intent. Technical adjustment. An appropriation must be made to a State Agency or Department and granted to the Vermont Housing Authority.

Sec. 63. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3; as amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75; as further amended by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119; and as further amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 106, is further amended to read:

Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND REPLACEMENT REPAIR PROGRAM

(a) Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is ~~Amounts~~ appropriated to the Department of Housing and Community Development for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program and shall be used for one or more of the following purposes:

EXPLANATION:

Change requested per Letter of Intent. It was the intent of the General Assembly that the language added to Sec. 3 of Act 182 increase future program flexibility, not remove prior appropriations.

Sec. 64. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 113b is amended to read:

Sec. 113b. APPROPRIATION; NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

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The sum of ~~\$1,300,000.00~~\$400,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Natural Resources Board in fiscal year 2025.

EXPLANATION:

This one-time appropriation was reduced \$900,000 to fund the transfer to the Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260) in Section D.101(a)(1)(N) at the request of the Natural Resources Board.

Sec. 65. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 24a is amended to read:

Sec. 24a. COMPENSATION FOR OVERPAYMENT

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~the sum of a \$29,224.00 credit shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~ applied to the Canaan Town School District's Education Spending, as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Canaan Town School District for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Canaan.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a \$68,132.00 credit shall be applied to the Northeast Kingdom Choice School District's Education Spending, as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Northeast Kingdom Choice School District for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership.

~~(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$5,924.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Bloomfield in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Bloomfield for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Bloomfield.~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$2,575.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Brunswick in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Brunswick for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Brunswick.~~

~~(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$6,145.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of East Haven in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of East Haven for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of East Haven.~~

~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$2,046.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Granby in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead~~

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~~taxpayers of the Town of Granby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Granby.~~

~~(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$10,034.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Guildhall in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Guildhall for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Guildhall.~~

~~(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$20,536.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Kirby in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Kirby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Kirby.~~

~~(h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$2,402.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Lemington in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Lemington for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Lemington.~~

~~(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$11,464.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Maidstone in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Maidstone for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Maidstone.~~

~~(j) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$4,349.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Norton in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Norton for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Norton.~~

~~(k) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of \$2,657.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Victory in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of Victory for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the Town of Victory.~~

EXPLANATION:

I. The original language stated that the sum shall be transferred. Transfers occur between state funds not a fund and an organization.

II. Even if all contrary laws are subject to notwithstanding, Town officials would have no way of knowing how to allocate the State’s Education Fund payment among the State’s homestead property taxpayers unless such allocation was specifically provided by the State. If the Town recorded the payments as Town revenue there would be no way to ensure the benefits accrued only to the State’s homestead taxpayers. Providing the credit to the district ensures the intended beneficiaries receive the benefit. This is accomplished by reducing the taxpayer liability and using the prior year’s Education Fund overpayment to fund the current year’s education spending.

III. The language fulfills the obligations of the June 28, 2024 Legislative Letter of Intent

Sec. 66. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a comprehensive statewide language access plan;

(2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement or for distribution to departments to fund the unanticipated administrative costs related to recovery efforts from declared disasters as well as statewide costs related to administering the American Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund programs, including the costs of related limited-service positions, and contracting for programs and services.

EXPLANATION:

Expands the authorized use of the existing one-time appropriation to cover department administrative costs associated with declared disasters and statewide costs related to American Rescue Plan Act-Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery fund programs.

Sec. 67. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1102 as added by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 47 is amended to read:

Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY

MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951) for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

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(A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system upgrade of Human Capital Management and core statewide financial accounting system and integration with the Department of Labor and Agency of Transportation financial systems;

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EXPLANATION:

Amends the appropriation purpose to include funding of the ERP Modernization Phase I - Human Capital Management System project activities funded by 2021 Act 74 Sec. G.501(a)(4) in addition to the ERP Modernization Phase II - Financial Systems project activities.

Sec. 68. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

§ 3306. Technology Modernization Special Fund

(b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

- (1) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to it by the General Assembly; and
- (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

EXPLANATION:

Technical adjustment. Sources to a fund are composed of dedicated revenues and asset transfers, generally cash, (not spending authority) from other funds. The appropriations of one fund are not appropriated to another fund. The language as written is not executable with regard to the words “or appropriated”.

Sec. 69. 10 V.S.A. § 543 is hereby repealed:

~~§ 543. Workforce education and training fund; grant programs~~

~~(a) Creation. There is created the Workforce Education and Training Fund in the Department of Labor to be managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5.~~

~~(b) Purposes. The Department shall use the Fund for the following purposes:~~

- ~~(1) training for Vermont workers, including those who are unemployed, underemployed, or in transition from one job or career to another;~~
- ~~(2) internships to provide students with work-based learning opportunities with Vermont employers;~~
- ~~(3) apprenticeship, preapprenticeship, and industry-recognized credential training; and~~

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~~(4) other workforce development initiatives related to current and future job opportunities in Vermont as determined by the Commissioner of Labor.~~

~~(e) Administrative and other support. The Department of Labor shall provide administrative support for the grant award process. When appropriate and reasonable, the State Workforce Development Board and all other public entities involved in economic development and workforce education and training shall provide other support in the process.~~

~~(d) Eligible activities:~~

~~(1) The Department, in collaboration with the Agency of Education when applicable, shall grant awards from the Fund to employers and entities, including private, public, and nonprofit entities, institutions of higher education, high schools, K-12 school districts, supervisory unions, technical centers, and workforce education and training programs that:~~

~~(A) create jobs, offer education, training, apprenticeship, preapprenticeship and industry recognized credentials, mentoring, career planning, or work-based learning activities, or any combination;~~

~~(B) employ student-oriented approaches to workforce education and training; and~~

~~(C) link workforce education and economic development strategies.~~

~~(2) The Department may fund programs or projects that demonstrate actual increased income and economic opportunity for employees and employers for more than one year.~~

~~(3) The Department may fund student internships and training programs that involve the same employer in multiple years, with approval of the Commissioner.~~

~~(e) [Repealed.]~~

~~(f) Awards. The Commissioner of Labor, in consultation with the Chair of the State Workforce Development Board, shall develop award criteria and may grant awards to the following:~~

~~(1) Training programs:~~

~~(A) Public, private, and nonprofit entities, including employers and education and training providers, for existing or new training programs that enhance the skills of Vermont workers and:~~

~~(i) train workers for trades or occupations that are expected to lead to jobs paying at least 200 percent of the current minimum wage or at least 150 percent if benefits are included; this requirement may be waived when warranted based on regional or occupational wages or economic reality;~~

~~(ii) do not duplicate, supplant, or replace other available training funded with public money;~~

~~(iii) provide a project timeline, including performance goals, and identify how the effectiveness and outcomes of the program will be measured, including for the individual participants, the employers, and the program as a whole; and~~

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~~(iv) articulate the need for the training and the direct connection between the training and the job.~~

~~(B) The Department shall grant awards under this subdivision (1) to programs or projects that:~~

~~(i) offer innovative programs of intensive, student-centric, competency-based education, training, apprenticeship, preapprenticeship and industry-recognized credentials, mentoring, or any combination of these;~~

~~(ii) address the needs of workers who are unemployed, underemployed, or at risk of becoming unemployed, and workers who are in transition from one job or career to another;~~

~~(iii) address the needs of employers to hire new employees or retrain incumbent workers, when the employer has demonstrated a need not within the normal course of business, with priority to training that results in new or existing job openings for which the employer intends to hire; or~~

~~(iv) in the discretion of the Commissioner, otherwise serve the purposes of this chapter.~~

~~(2) Vermont Internship Program. Funding for eligible internship programs and activities under the Vermont Internship Program established in section 544 of this title.~~

~~(3) Vermont Returnship Program. Funding for eligible returnship programs and activities under the Vermont Returnship Program established in section 545 of this title.~~

~~(4) Apprenticeship Program. The Vermont Apprenticeship Program established under 21 V.S.A. chapter 13. Awards under this subdivision may be used to fund the cost of apprenticeship-related instruction provided by the Department of Labor.~~

~~(5) Career focus and planning programs. In collaboration with the Agency of Education, funding for one or more programs that institute career training and planning for young Vermonters, beginning in middle school.~~

~~(g) Career Pathways. Programs that are funded under this section resulting in a credit, certificate, or credential shall demonstrate alignment with a Career Pathway.~~

~~(h) Expanding offerings. A regional career and technical education center that develops an adult technical education program of study using funding under this section shall:~~

~~(1) make the program materials available to other regional career and technical education centers and adult technical education programs;~~

~~(2) to the extent possible, align the program with subsequent programs offered through the Vermont State College System, the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, or an accredited independent college located in Vermont; and~~

~~(3) respond to current or projected occupational demands.~~

EXPLANATION:

The Workforce Education & Training Fund was financed by a transfer from the Next Generation Initiative Fund, which in turn was financed by a General Fund Transfer. The Next Generation Fund was eliminated, per 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 162, Sec. E.400 (effective July 01, 2012), and the programmatic costs previously covered by the Workforce Education and Training fund are now part of the Labor Department's base General Fund appropriation. This fund is now obsolete and should be eliminated. The balance can be returned to the General Fund.

Sec. 70. 18 V.S.A. § 9502 is amended to read:

§ 9502. Tobacco Trust Fund

(a)(1) The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer for the purposes of creating a self-sustaining, perpetual fund for tobacco cessation and prevention that is not dependent upon tobacco sales volume.

(2) The Trust Fund shall ~~comprise~~ be comprised of:

(A) ~~appropriations~~ transfers made by the General Assembly;

~~(B) transfers from the Litigation Settlement Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section;~~ and

~~(B)~~ contributions from any other source.

(3) The State Treasurer shall not disburse monies from the Trust Fund, except upon appropriation by the General Assembly. In any fiscal year, total appropriations from the Trust Fund shall not exceed seven percent of the fair market value of the Fund at the end of the prior fiscal year.

(4) The Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer. The Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward. Interest earned shall remain in the Fund. The Treasurer's annual financial report to the Governor and the General Assembly shall contain an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the Fund.

~~(b) Unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2000, and on June 30 of each subsequent fiscal year, any unencumbered balance in the Litigation Settlement Fund shall be transferred to the Trust Fund.~~

EXPLANATION:

(a)(2): Grammatical correction

(a)(2)(A): Technical correction. Appropriations provide expenditure authority; they are not a source of assets for a fund. Funds either receive sources directly through earned revenues or indirectly through asset transfers from another fund.

(a)(2)(B): Obsolete provided the elimination of subsection (b)

(b): The amendment adjusts the codified law to current practice. Annual notwithstanding language was added in session law to forgo this transfer, which will no longer be necessary after this change. The General Assembly can add session law language to enact a transfer if desired, as opposed to annually notwithstanding the automatic transfer language.

Sec. 71. 30 V.S.A. Chapter 86 is amended to read:

Title 30: Public Service

Chapter 86: Underground Utility Damage Prevention System

§ 7006. Marking of underground utility facilities

A company notified in accordance with section 7005 of this title shall, within ~~48~~72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of the receipt of the notice, mark the approximate location of its underground utility facilities in the area of the proposed excavation activities; provided, however, if the company advises the person that the proposed excavation area is of such length or size that the company cannot reasonably mark all of the underground utility facilities within ~~48~~72 hours, the person shall notify the company of the specific locations in which the excavation activities will first occur and the company shall mark facilities in those locations within ~~48~~72 hours and the remaining facilities within a reasonable time thereafter. A company and an excavator may by agreement fix a later time for the company's marking of the facilities, provided the marking is made prior to excavation activities. For the purposes of this chapter, the approximate location of underground facilities shall be marked with stakes, paint, or other physical means as designated by the Commission.

§ 7006a. Maintenance of underground utility facility markings

After a company has marked its underground facilities in accordance with section 7006 of this title, the excavator shall be responsible for maintenance of the designated markings. In the event said markings are obliterated, destroyed, or removed, the person engaged in excavation activities shall notify the System referred to in section 7002 of this title that remarking is needed. The System shall then notify all member companies whose facilities may be affected. The company shall within ~~48~~72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, following receipt of the notice, remark the location of its underground utility facilities.

EXPLANATION:

The language corrects an unintentional omission by the General Assembly last session. The intent of the original proposal was to extend the timeframe for both utilities and excavators. It doesn't make any sense to do it otherwise because the sole reason for the wait time for excavators is to allow the utilities to mark locations and these should be the same. Only the language relevant to excavation was updated last session.

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Sec. 72. 32 V.S.A. §5 is amended to read:

§ 5. Acceptance of grants

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Loan” means a loan that is interest free or below market value.

(2) “State agency” means an Executive Branch agency, department, commission, office or board.

EXPLANATION:

The term “office” was added to allow those entities, like the Office of Child and Youth Advocate, to receive grants and other funds like agencies and departments.

Sec. 73. 32 V.S.A. §308c is amended to read:

§ 308c. General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance Reserves

(b)(1) The General Assembly may ~~specifically unreserve and appropriate the use of up to an amount not to exceed 50-5 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from the~~ General Fund Balance Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs.

(b)(3) The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency per 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, may unreserve an amount equal to that in subsection (b)(1) of this section in order to replenish the spending authority of state agencies and departments consumed by the declared emergency. In no event shall the amount provided to any agency or department under this subsection exceed the amount of the original appropriation as provided by the General Assembly.

EXPLANATION:

(b)(1) ensures that should an emergency occur the General Assembly has access to funds even if no funds were added to the reserve in the prior fiscal year.

(b)(3) allows the Emergency Board, in the event of a declared emergency while the General Assembly is not in session, to access the same amount of money to hold state agency and department operating budgets harmless, or reduce the burden to their operating budgets, from

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responding to the emergency. The E-Board is prohibited from providing an agency or department an amount exceeding the original appropriation provided by the General Assembly.

Sec. 74. 32 V.S.A. §706 is amended to read:

§ 706. Transfer of appropriations

Notwithstanding any authority granted elsewhere, all transfers of appropriations shall be made pursuant to this section upon the initiative of the Governor or upon the request of a secretary or commissioner.

(1) With the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may transfer balances of appropriations not to exceed ~~\$50,000.00~~\$100,000.00 made under any appropriation act for the support of the government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of State government to any component of the same agency, department, or unit.

(2) Except as specified in ~~subdivisions~~subdivision (1) ~~and (4)~~ of this section, the transfer of balances of appropriations may be made only with the approval of the Emergency Board.

(3) For the specific purpose of balancing and closing out fund accounts at the end of a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may adjust a balance within an account of an agency or department in an amount not to exceed ~~\$100.00~~\$200.00.

EXPLANATION:

Provides inflationary increases to maintain the real value of the adjustments an Agency/Department can employ in managing their spending authority.

Subsection (1) was last updated in May 1999 from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The Bureau of Labor Statistics equates \$50,000 in May 1999 to \$94,485.26 in May 2024. [CPI Inflation Calculator](#)

Subsection (2) was last updated in March 2004 from \$10 to \$100. The Bureau of Labor Statistics equates \$100 in March 2004 to \$166.67 in March 2024.

Technical correction to subsection (2) referencing subsection (4) after its repeal.

Sec. 75. 32 V.S.A. §902 is amended to read:

§902. Authorization to borrow money

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(b) The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of and expenses of preparing, issuing, and marketing of such notes as the same fall due without further order or authority from the ~~governmental debt service funds established in §951a of this chapter General Fund or from the Transportation or other applicable funds or from the proceeds of bonds or notes~~. The authority hereby granted is in addition to and not in limitation of any other authority. Such notes shall be sold at public or private sale with or without published notice, as the State Treasurer may determine to be in the best interests of the State.

EXPLANATION:

Updates statute to reflect current practice, in accordance with GASB principles, of paying debt service costs from designated debt service funds instead of directly from the General or Transportation Fund.

Sec. 76. 32 V.S.A. §951a is amended to read:

§951a. Debt service funds

(a) Three governmental debt service funds are hereby established:

(b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of ~~appropriations by the General Assembly to fulfill debt service obligations~~, the transfer of funding sources by the General Assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations, bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other amounts as directed by the General Assembly or that are specifically authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

EXPLANATION:

Updates statute to reflect current practice, in accordance with GASB principles, of transferring funding from the General or Transportation Fund directly to governmental debt service funds to fulfill debt service obligations rather than by appropriation.

Sec. 77. 32 V.S.A. §954 is amended to read:

§ 954. Proceeds

(a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums, shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the purposes shall be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing, and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title~~, and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal

of, investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service fund.

~~(b) The State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances shall be appropriated annually from the funds from which transfers are made to fund debt service costs to the entities to which funds are appropriated by a capital construction act and for which bonding is required as the source of funds. If estimated receipts are insufficient, the State Treasurer shall allocate additional costs to the entities. Any remaining receipts shall not be expended, but carried forward to be available for future capital construction acts bond issuance costs. If the source of funds appropriated by a capital construction act is other than by issuance of bonds, the State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of ongoing debt management services to the entities to which those funds are appropriated.~~

EXPLANATION:

Updates statute to reflect current practice of directly appropriating bond issuance costs in B.1000 rather than the historical “haircut” methodology of distributing bond issuance costs across all capital appropriations.

Sec. 78. 32 V.S.A. §1001b(e) is amended to read:

~~(e) Spending authority. Any entity authorized to make expenditures from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount shall have not more than two years from the legislative session in which the act authorizing the expenditure was enacted to encumber the funds. Any remaining unencumbered funds shall remain part of the Fund account. The spending authority authorized in the Capital Infrastructure subaccount shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. §701a.~~

EXPLANATION:

Technical amendment to cash fund statute to create parity between the review and reallocation process for capital cash fund appropriations and bonded dollar appropriations. Current language leaves unclear the date cash fund appropriations are to be reallocated—session adjournment date vs. date of authorizing bill passage—and may have the unintended consequence of prematurely halting ongoing projects.

Sec. 79. 33 V.S.A. Chapter 78 is hereby repealed:

Chapter 78: Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

~~§ 7801. Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund~~

~~(a) The Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer as a special fund to be a source of financing for services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and for programs established by or through contracts with the Agency of Human Services for the treatment of traumatic brain injuries.~~

~~(b) Into the Fund shall be deposited proceeds from grants, donations, contributions, taxes, and any other sources of revenue as may be provided by statute, rule, or act of the General Assembly.~~

~~(c) The Fund shall be administered pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, except that interest earned on the Fund and any remaining balance shall be retained in the Fund.~~

~~(d) All monies received by or generated to the Fund shall be used only as allowed by appropriation of the General Assembly for the administration and delivery of services for individuals with TBI and for programs for the treatment of brain injuries established by or through contracts with the Agency of Human Services.~~

~~(e) The Agency of Human Services shall develop a policy for disbursement of monies from the Fund created in subsection (a) of this section and submit the policy to the Joint Fiscal Committee for approval at its September 2008 meeting.~~

EXPLANATION:

This fund is obsolete. It received one \$140,000.00 transfer to capitalize the fund on August 04, 2008 which was fully expended by February 03, 2010. The fund provided one \$70,000 grant to Health Care & Rehabilitation Services of Southeast Vermont, Inc. and one \$70,000 grant to the Brain Injury Association of Vermont. The \$1,500.00 estimated fiscal year-end balance in the fund is composed entirely of compounded interest earnings received since 2008 and is being transferred to the General Fund in Section D.101(b)(1)(H). The fund was created initially based on a needs assessment and advocacy at the time regarding residents who served in the U.S. armed forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operating Enduring Freedom.

Sec. 80. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General, Transportation, Transportation Infrastructure Bond, Education Fund, Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951), Clean Water Fund (21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

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(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Legislative and Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

EXPLANATION:

Annual language providing the Secretary of Administration the authority to approve the carry forward of existing spending authority into the next fiscal year, within the executive branch, for the funds enumerated. The Technology Modernization Special Fund established pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is added to the funds subject to Executive Branch carryforward of spending authority.

Sec. 81. EFFECTIVE DATES

- (a) This act shall take effect upon passage.
- (b) Sec. 59 shall be effective retroactively to July 01, 2024 upon passage of this act.

EXPLANATION:

Provides the effective date for the act and/or various sections within the act. The language makes the Sec. 59 amendment retroactive to July 01, 2024 to ensure the homestead education property tax rates provided by the Tax Department reconcile and are accurate. The language fulfills the obligations of the June 28, 2024 Legislative Letter of Intent