

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

2 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME

3 APPROPRIATIONS

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

7 (1) ~~\$9,279,583~~ \$13,299,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid  
8 Global Payment Program;

9 (2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's  
10 health insurance markets; **and**

11 (3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare  
12 Savings Programs eligibility; **and**

13 **(4) \$10,000,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants.**

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15 **EXPLANATION: Sustainability funding for Medicaid providers.**

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

2 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

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4 (a) The establishment of 43 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year  
5 2025 for the following:

6 (1) Permanent classified positions:

7 \* \* \*

8 (H) Office of the Attorney General.

9 (i) one XXXXXXXX.

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

13 (1) Office of the Defender General:

14 (A) one Administrative Svcs Tech;

15 (B) one DG IT Specialist II;

16 (C) one ODG Legal Assistant I;

17 (D) two Staff Attorney I;

18 (E) one Financial Specialist III;

19 (F) one Admin Secretary; and

20 (G) one DG IT Specialist II.

21 EXPLANATION: The establishment of one (1) permanent position is authorized  
22 in fiscal year 2025 for the Attorney General’s Office to develop and administer  
23 a statewide Pre-Charge program as specified in 2024 Act 180 §163(a)(1) and  
24 §164(a)(1).

25 The AGO is asking for the position to be established in the BAA but not for  
26 funding. Considering when the BAA might be approved and the time taken to

1 finalize a new position and recruit, it is likely that the position would not be  
2 filled until late this fiscal year. The AGO would find the needed funds for that  
3 short period of time.

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5 For FY 2026, the funding request for the position is \$119,300.

1 **Sec. 66.** 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024  
2 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
3 C.101, is further amended to read:

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

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

8 (1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a  
9 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

10 (2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied  
11 claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement  
12 or for distribution to departments to fund the unanticipated administrative costs  
13 related to recovery efforts from declared disasters as well as statewide costs  
14 related to administering the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State  
15 Fiscal Recovery Fund programs, including the costs of related limited-service  
16 positions, and contracting for programs and services.

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18 (x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:

19 (1)(A) \$4,680,000 General Fund to the Judiciary for the Judiciary  
20 network replacement project.

21 (1)(B) Judiciary shall update the Joint Information Technology  
22 Oversight Committee on the status of this project on or before December 1,  
23 2023.

1 (2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Essex County Courthouse renovation  
2 planning. Of this amount, \$50,000 may be used to construct bathrooms  
3 compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act in the Essex Meeting  
4 House.

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6 EXPLANATION: The planning and design project will not use the full  
7 \$300,000. The Judiciary proposes to use \$50,000 and install ADA bathrooms  
8 into the Meeting House next to the Essex Courthouse. Doing so will enable the  
9 Judiciary to use the meeting house for large gatherings, rather than using the  
10 Guildhall. he Meeting House is much closer to the courthouse and therefore  
11 drastically improves security of potential jurors.

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

2 § 954. PROCEEDS

3 (a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums,  
4 shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the  
5 purposes **shall may** be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing,~~  
6 ~~and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title,~~  
7 ~~and~~ **underwriters' fees and** amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the  
8 bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the  
9 proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of,  
10 investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same  
11 fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with  
12 the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or  
13 other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best  
14 interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount  
15 necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment  
16 return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds  
17 then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual  
18 appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and  
19 interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund  
20 installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their  
21 fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service  
22 fund.

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

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13          **EXPLANATION:**

14          Updates statute to reflect current practice of directly appropriating bond  
15          issuance costs in B.1000 rather than the historical “haircut” methodology of  
16          distributing bond issuance costs across all capital appropriations. Reflects  
17          Treasurer recommended changes.

1 Sec. XX ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL

2 COMPLETION PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL STUDENTS

3 (a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 945 and any other provision of law to the  
4 contrary, a high school may award a high school diploma to any student who  
5 meets the following criteria:

6 (1) Prior to July 1, 2024, the student was participating in the High  
7 School Completion Program as the program existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on  
8 June 30, 2024.

9 (2) The student has met the requirements of the student's individual  
10 graduation plan and would have been eligible to receive a diploma pursuant to  
11 the High School Completion Program as it existed under 16 V.S.A. § 943 on  
12 June 30, 2024.

13 (b) This section is repealed on July 1, 2025.

14 **EXPLANATION: House Education recommended language to ensure that**  
15 **students in the High School Completion program (replaced with the Adult**  
16 **Diploma Program) are able to obtain a diploma.**



1 Sec. XX SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;  
2 DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

3 In fiscal year 2025, the Department for Children and Families shall fully  
4 utilize the State's allocation of discretionary exemptions in the Supplemental  
5 Nutrition Assistance Program to the extent permitted by federal regulation for  
6 the purpose of proactively extending benefits to individuals who would  
7 otherwise experience a disruption of benefits.

8 **EXPLANATION: House Human Services language to allow DCF to extend**  
9 **SNAP benefits using discretionary exemptions.**

1 Sec. XX 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 19, Secs. 5 and 6 are amended to read:

2 Sec. 5 [Deleted]

3 Sec. 6 EFFECTIVE DATES

4 (a) Sec. 4 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,  
5 2023.

6 (b) ~~Sec. 5 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,~~  
7 ~~2025.~~

8 (c) All other sections shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

9 **EXPLANATION: House Ways and Means recommended language to repeal**  
10 **the sunset of the marriage license fee increase. Revenues from the fee are**  
11 **directed to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund to support the**  
12 **Center for Crime Victim Services.**

1       Sec. XX MEDICAID PROVIDERS WITH STABILIZATION NEEDS;  
2                               GRANT ELIGIBILITY

3               (a) All Medicaid participating providers with demonstrated stabilization  
4 needs and a plan to achieve sustainability shall be eligible to apply for the  
5 grant funds appropriated pursuant to Sec. XX of this act, including substance  
6 use residential treatment facilities, federally qualified health centers, mental  
7 health providers, and other providers of health care and human services.

8       EXPLANATION: House Human Services and House Health Care  
9       recommended language to make all Medicaid participating providers with  
10       stabilization needs and sustainability plans eligible for grant funds appropriated  
11       in TBD one-time appropriation (language TK).

1 Sec. XX 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. 53 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 53. FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNALLOCATED RESERVE

3 (7) \$9,600,000 is appropriated to the Judiciary, of which \$3,880,000 is  
4 for the reopening of the courts and ~~\$5,720,000~~ \$4,920,000 is to replace HVAC  
5 in county court houses, and \$800,000 is to upgrade the network wiring and  
6 security systems in county court houses.

7 **EXPLANATION: The HVAC project is nearing completion and will not need**  
8 **the last \$800,000 of funding. The Judiciary proposes to use this funding to**  
9 **support the upgrades of network wiring from Cat3 to Cat6; and also to install**  
10 **badge reader security at doors. These two enhancements are not HVAC**  
11 **related, but do serve to invest in the county infrastructure of the courthouse.**

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Sec. XX 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15b is amended to read:

Sec. 15b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

The sum of \$100,000.00 is appropriated in ~~FY~~ fiscal year 2025 to the  
Sergeant at Arms for the following projects:

(1) the replacement of State House cafeteria furnishings; and

(2) the purchase and installation at the State House of an X-ray machine

designed to screen baggage.

**EXPLANATION: Sergeant at Arms request to allow for a prior year  
appropriation to be used for the purchase of an X-ray machine.**