

**No. XX. An act related to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments.**

**Sec. 1** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.137 is amended to read:

Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate

Grants <del>19,000,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total <del>19,000,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>19,000,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total <del>19,000,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$1,500,000): The cost of the Homeowner Rebate program is decreasing because fewer households are eligible each year. The income cutoff for the program has remained fixed at \$47,000 and the program's internal tax rate brackets are not adjusted for inflation, causing credits to shrink as incomes rise.

**Sec. 2** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:

Sec. B.138 Renter rebate

Grants <del>9,500,000</del>	<u>11,000,000</u>
Total <del>9,500,000</del>	<u>11,000,000</u>

Source of funds

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

**EXPLANATION:**

\$1,500,000: The Renter Credit is increasing because the credit amount and the income thresholds are indexed for inflation. Act 144 of 2024, Section 5, expanded the eligibility thresholds with the intent to grow participation in the program to make rental housing more affordable.

**Sec. 3** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

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### Sec. B.204 Judiciary

Personal services	<del>64,512,754</del>	<u>65,071,320</u>
Operating expenses	13,865,672	
Grants	121,030	
Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	<u>79,058,022</u>

#### Source of funds

General fund	<del>72,601,728</del>	<u>73,160,294</u>
Special funds	1,997,094	
Federal funds	1,560,412	
Interdepartmental transfers	2,340,222	
Total	<del>78,499,456</del>	<u>79,058,022</u>

#### EXPLANATION:

\$558,566: General Fund increase for Sheriffs' security services contracts at courthouses.

### Sec. 4 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.207 is amended to read:

#### Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

Personal services	<del>6,092,392</del>	<u>6,240,913</u>
Operating expenses	<del>446,237</del>	<u>481,237</u>
Total	<del>6,538,629</del>	<u>6,722,150</u>

#### Source of funds

General fund	<del>6,538,629</del>	<u>6,722,150</u>
Total	<del>6,538,629</del>	<u>6,722,150</u>

#### EXPLANATION:

\$35,000: In-State mileage costs for transport deputies. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$45,000: Per Diem staff employed by Sheriffs to cover administrative duties performed by deputies while the deputies are unavailable due to transport work or leave. *[Personal Services]*

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\$50,000: Overtime costs for Transport Deputies. Inclusive of in-state transports for juveniles and adults between mental health facilities, detention facilities and court appearances. Also includes costs associated with out of state warrants and extraditions and serving civil process. *[Personal Services]*

\$53,521: 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100(a)((2)(A)(ii) established one new Transport Deputy position but the position was not funded. The estimated \$107,042 position cost has been pro-rated to account for 50% of the fiscal year being complete prior to hiring. *[Personal Services]*

**Sec. 5** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:

Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

Personal services 6,289,651

Operating expenses 6,380,415

Grants 278,285

Total 12,948,351

Source of funds

General fund ~~7,630,863~~ 8,390,863

Special funds 4,105

Federal funds 1,089,155

Interdepartmental transfers 4,224,228 3,464,228

Total 12,948,351

### EXPLANATION:

\$0: Move \$386,212 of VISION Internal Service Fund charges and \$373,788 of Human Resources Internal Service Fund charges off Inter-Departmental Transfer Fund onto General Fund. Payor budgets cannot support the allocated charges. *[Operating Expenses]*

**Sec. 6** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

Personal services ~~83,279,417~~ 84,145,179

Operating expenses 16,733,452

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Grants 1,813,523

Total <del>101,826,392</del>	<u>102,692,154</u>
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### Source of funds

General fund <del>87,421,532</del>	<u>88,287,294</u>
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Special funds 3,223,793

Federal funds 9,734,790

Interdepartmental transfers 1,446,277

Total <del>101,826,392</del>	<u>102,692,154</u>
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### EXPLANATION:

\$865,762: Vermont State Police overtime, inclusive of \$108,463 net costs for Burlington patrols.

**Sec. 7** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:

### Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services <del>5,116,729</del>	<u>5,686,729</u>
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Operating expenses 2,098,944

Total <del>7,215,673</del>	<u>7,785,673</u>
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### Source of funds

General fund <del>1,929,676</del>	<u>2,499,676</u>
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Special funds 4,483,740

Federal funds 802,257

Total <del>7,215,673</del>	<u>7,785,673</u>
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### EXPLANATION:

\$570,000: Computer Projects of Illinois (CPI) contract increase for upgrade to cloud-based software.

**Sec. 8** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.215 is amended to read:

### Sec. B.215 Military - administration

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

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$286,713): The Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program, administered by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, had a balance remaining at the end of the prior fiscal year which can be used to meet the current year's demand. The appropriation has been reduced accordingly.

**Sec. 9** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council

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

**EXPLANATION:**

\$300,000: Complete the contract work of a full curriculum review and development for all police academy training by the International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST). The contract is more than 50% complete.

**Sec. 10** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:

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### Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services <del>1,243,420</del>	<u>1,175,647</u>
Operating expenses 142,164	
Total <del>1,385,584</del>	<u>1,317,811</u>

#### Source of funds

General fund <del>1,292,811</del>	<u>1,317,811</u>
<del>Federal funds 92,773</del>	
Total <del>1,385,584</del>	<u>1,317,811</u>

### EXPLANATION:

(\$67,773): \$25,000 General Fund + (\$92,773) Federal Funds. The General Fund increase allows the Human Rights Commission to operate without a reduction in services given that federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are no longer anticipated.

### Sec. 11 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

#### Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

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

#### Source of funds

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

### EXPLANATION:

\$630,150: This amount has been added to the fiscal year end 2025 balance retained in the Cannabis Regulation Fund per section D.101(a)(8) below. This returns the unobligated balance of the 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 53(b)(1) \$850,000 General Fund transfer to the Cannabis Regulation Fund intended for the purchase of laboratory equipment and supplies. This balance was inadvertently transferred to the General Fund at the close of fiscal year 2024

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pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101(b)(1)(A) as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. C.102.

**Sec. 12** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

Source of funds

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

### EXPLANATION:

Updates function total

**Sec. 13** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 17,333,398	
Operating expenses <del>11,231,120</del>	<u>7,199,632</u>
Grants 3,795,202	
Total <del>32,359,720</del>	<u>28,328,232</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>15,569,598</del>	<u>13,465,739</u>
Special funds 135,517	
Federal funds <del>14,023,964</del>	<u>12,096,335</u>
Global Commitment fund 2,510,857	

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Interdepartmental transfers 119,784

Total ~~32,359,720~~

28,328,232

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$5,202,954): (\$2,736,321) General Fund + (\$2,466,633) Federal Funds for Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred to Agency of Human Services Departments. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$0: (\$539,004) General Fund + \$539,004 Federal Fund revenue reconciliation *[Personal Services]*

\$1,171,466: General Fund for Agency of Digital Services invoices. *[Operating Expenses]*

**Sec. 14** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

Grants ~~2,207,280,248~~

2,267,099,358

Total ~~2,207,280,248~~

2,267,099,358

Source of funds

General fund ~~712,815,861~~

730,091,238

Special funds 31,339,852

Tobacco fund 21,049,373

State health care resources fund 31,074,772

Federal funds ~~1,406,003,180~~

1,448,546,913

Interdepartmental transfers 4,997,210

Total ~~2,207,280,248~~

2,267,099,358

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$3,559,855): General Fund for Choices for Care (5-month backlog)

(\$927,042): General Fund for American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement bonuses.

(\$850,000): (\$85,000) General Fund + (\$765,000) Federal Funds due to Family Planning Rate changes not being executable as drafted.



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(\$209,904): General Fund for updated Medicaid consensus.

\$0: (\$4,867,041) General Fund + \$4,867,041 Federal Funds for New Adult Caseload and Utilization changes.

\$65,365,911: \$26,924,219 General Fund + \$38,441,692 Federal Funds for Department Global Commitment Fund adjustments.

**Sec. 15** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

Personal services <del>142,860,018</del>	<u>148,653,725</u>
Operating expenses <del>36,310,876</del>	<u>37,434,661</u>
Grants 3,112,301	
Total <del>182,283,195</del>	<u>189,200,687</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>43,820,359</del>	<u>46,204,011</u>
Special funds 4,760,237	
Federal funds <del>126,141,154</del>	<u>130,644,944</u>
Global Commitment fund <del>4,382,601</del>	<u>4,412,651</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 3,178,844	
Total <del>182,283,195</del>	<u>189,200,687</u>

### EXPLANATION:

\$0: \$19,081 General Fund + (\$15,461) Global Commitment + (\$3,620) Federal Funds funding swap for Planned Parenthood of Northern New England grant due to federal funding loss from federal House Resolution 1. *[Grants]*

\$39,460: \$19,730 General Fund + \$19,730 Federal Fund for medical provider contracts. \$25,000 for Dr. Kline to provide clinical mental health services and \$14,460 for Dr. Scholten's contract extension, for prior authorization reviews, at an increased rate. *[Personal Services]*

\$252,839: \$91,022 General Fund + \$116,308 Federal Fund + \$45,511 Global Commitment Fund for the lease expansion at Pilgrim Park necessitated by the closure of the Vermont Department of Health building on Cherry Street in Burlington. *[Operating Expenses]*

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\$400,000: \$140,000 General Fund + \$260,000 Federal Fund for Oracle base licenses. *[Personal Services]*

\$870,946: \$435,473 General Fund + \$435,473 Federal Fund for Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office. (AHS net-neutral) *[Operating Expenses]*

\$2,523,043: \$262,744 General Fund + \$2,260,299 Federal Fund for Gainwell contract amendments regarding \$2,453,443 of Design, Development & Implementation costs and \$69,600 of Maintenance & Operations costs. *[Personal Services]*

\$2,831,204: \$1,415,602 General Fund + \$1,415,602 Federal Fund for the Medicaid Data Warehouse & Analytical Solution (MDWAS) maintenance and operations contract with Deloitte. (4 months at 50% match until certified). *[Personal Services]*

**Sec. 16** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

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

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

Global Commitment fund 979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
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Total 979,554,012	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
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**EXPLANATION:**

(\$2,280,948): Updated Buy-In estimate.

(\$850,000): Family planning rate change not executable as written.

(\$769,755): Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) - Blueprint Global Commitment grant moved to General Fund in the State Only appropriation (loss of federal funding due to House Resolution 1).

(\$597,422): Applied Behavioral Analysis coding corrections.

\$689,167: Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Medicaid Economic Index 4% estimated increase for 5 months.

\$33,501,148: Caseload and utilization adjustment (includes Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility adjustments).

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**Sec. 17** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

Grants <del>67,605,443</del>	<u>69,664,468</u>
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Total <del>67,605,443</del>	<u>69,664,468</u>
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Source of funds

General fund <del>62,133,605</del>	<u>64,539,070</u>
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Global Commitment fund <del>5,471,838</del>	<u>5,125,398</u>
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Total <del>67,605,443</del>	<u>69,664,468</u>
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### EXPLANATION:

\$191,212: \$191,821 General Fund + (\$609) Global Commitment Fund for Caseload and utilization adjustments.

\$784,265: \$1,130,096 General Fund + (\$345,831) Global Commitment Fund. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) - Blueprint Global Commitment grant moved to General Fund in the State Only appropriation (loss of federal funding due to House Resolution 1).

\$1,083,548: Updated Clawback estimate, General Fund.

**Sec. 18** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:

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

Grants <del>44,034,870</del>	<u>44,593,047</u>
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Total <del>44,034,870</del>	<u>44,593,047</u>
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Source of funds

General fund <del>13,467,770</del>	<u>13,636,779</u>
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Federal funds <del>30,567,100</del>	<u>30,956,268</u>
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Total <del>44,034,870</del>	<u>44,593,047</u>
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### EXPLANATION:

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(\$14,510): (\$4,362) General Fund + (\$10,148) Federal Fund. Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) - Childrens' Health Insurance Plan claims moved to the State Only appropriation (loss of federal funding due to House Resolution 1).

\$572,687: \$173,371 General Fund + \$399,316 Federal Fund for Childrens' Health Insurance Plan caseload and utilization adjustments.

**Sec. 19** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	9,163,996	
Operating expenses	<del>8,043,463</del>	<u>9,006,777</u>
Grants	7,985,727	
Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	<u>26,156,500</u>

Source of funds

General fund	<del>4,298,710</del>	<u>4,780,367</u>
Special funds	2,423,587	
Federal funds	<del>10,954,085</del>	<u>11,435,742</u>
Global Commitment fund	7,361,523	
Interdepartmental transfers	155,281	
Total	<del>25,193,186</del>	<u>26,156,500</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

\$963,314: \$481,657 General Fund + \$481,657 Federal Fund for Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office (AHS net-neutral).

**Sec. 20** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

Sec. B.312 Health - public health

Personal services	71,272,453
Operating expenses	10,371,654
Grants	48,496,832

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Total 130,140,939

### Source of funds

General fund <del>15,160,817</del>	<u>15,460,817</u>
Special funds 25,398,124	
Tobacco fund 1,088,918	
Federal funds 64,355,699	
Global Commitment fund <del>18,457,507</del>	<u>18,157,507</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 5,654,874	
Permanent trust funds 25,000	
Total 130,140,939	

### EXPLANATION:

\$0: \$300,000 General Fund + (\$300,000) Federal Fund. Family Planning Service grant to Planned Parenthood of Northern New England moved from federal funds to General Fund following the loss of federal funding due to federal House Resolution 1. *[Grants]*

### Sec. 21 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:

#### Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health

Personal services <del>12,456,526</del>	<u>13,271,526</u>
Operating expenses <del>2,420,029</del>	<u>2,522,590</u>
Grants <del>279,691,678</del>	<u>282,916,053</u>
Total <del>294,568,233</del>	<u>298,710,169</u>

### Source of funds

General fund <del>13,127,716</del>	<u>15,280,378</u>
Special funds 6,836	
Federal funds <del>13,158,032</del>	<u>12,800,308</u>
Global Commitment fund <del>266,967,840</del>	<u>269,314,838</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 1,307,809	

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Total 294,568,233

298,710,169

**EXPLANATION:**

\$0: \$409,004 General Fund + (\$409,004) Federal Fund. Federal revenue reconciliation (AHS net-neutral). *[Grants]*

\$102,561: \$51,280 General Fund + \$51,280 Federal Fund. Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office (AHS net-neutral). *[Operating Expenses]*

\$170,000: \$320,000 General Fund + (\$150,000) Global Commitment Fund. Youth and Adult transportation cost net increase. *[Personal Services]*

\$645,000: Forensic evaluation cost increase. *[Personal Services]*

\$3,224,375: \$727,377 General Fund + \$2,496,998 Federal Fund. Private Non-Medical Institutions increase. *[Grants]*

**Sec. 22** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.315 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 40,937,117	<u>41,323,934</u>
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Operating expenses 3,393,946	
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Total 44,331,063	<u>44,717,880</u>
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Source of funds

General fund 18,868,124	<u>18,698,157</u>
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Special funds 1,711,256	
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Global Commitment fund 23,751,683	<u>24,308,467</u>
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Total 44,331,063	<u>44,717,880</u>
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**EXPLANATION:**

(\$4,549,866): Increase Vacancy Turnover Savings, General Fund.

\$0: (\$1,000,000) General Fund + \$1,000,000 Global Commitment Fund. Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Medicaid XIX billings funding swap.

\$0: \$436,216 General Fund + (\$436,216) Global Commitment Fund. River Valley Therapeutic Residence room and board costs beyond resident monthly revenue.

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\$4,936,673: Travel Nurse contract increase, General Fund.

**Sec. 23** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	50,609,972	
Operating expenses	<del>17,876,453</del>	<u>20,719,611</u>
Grants	5,914,175	
Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	<u>77,243,758</u>

Source of funds

General fund	<del>43,680,871</del>	<u>46,217,414</u>
Special funds	2,954,500	
Federal funds	<del>24,518,288</del>	<u>24,824,903</u>
Global Commitment fund	2,780,636	
Interdepartmental transfers	466,305	
Total	<del>74,400,600</del>	<u>77,243,758</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

\$0: \$1,089,964 General Fund + (\$1,089,964) Federal Fund. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families revenue realignment. (DCF net-neutral). *[Personal Services]*

\$50,000: Income verification system, General Fund. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$2,793,158: \$1,396,579 General Fund + \$1,396,579 Federal Fund. Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office (AHS net-neutral). *[Operating Expenses]*

**Sec. 24** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	49,175,153	
Operating expenses	5,497,038	
Grants	<del>100,541,760</del>	<u>101,623,888</u>

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Total	<del>155,213,951</del>	<u>156,296,079</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>63,680,993</del>	<u>63,041,558</u>
Special funds	729,150	
Federal funds	<del>37,407,542</del>	<u>38,588,277</u>
Global Commitment fund	<del>53,381,266</del>	<u>53,922,094</u>
Interdepartmental transfers	15,000	
Total	<del>155,213,951</del>	<u>156,296,079</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$1,073,421): (\$904,203) General Fund + (\$274,058) Federal Fund + \$104,840 Global Commitment Fund for Sub-Care Caseload and Utilization. *[Grants]*

\$0: (\$1,089,964) General Fund + \$1,089,964 Federal Fund. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families revenue realignment. (DCF net-neutral). *[Personal Services]*

\$435,988: Northwest Counseling and Support Services Developmental Services transfer from Child Development Division (DCF net-neutral), Global Commitment Fund. *[Grants]*

\$719,561: \$354,732 General Fund + \$364,829 Federal Fund. Sub-Adopt Caseload and Utilization *[Grants]*

\$1,000,000: Transportation contract increase, General Fund. *[Grants]*

**Sec. 25** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

Personal services	6,563,807	
Operating expenses	783,604	
Grants	<del>227,780,727</del>	<u>227,344,739</u>
Total	<del>235,128,138</del>	<u>234,692,150</u>

Source of funds

General fund	61,267,870
Special funds	115,409,671
Federal funds	42,924,133



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Global Commitment fund <del>15,526,464</del>	<u>15,090,476</u>
Total <del>235,128,138</del>	<u>234,692,150</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$435,988): Northwestern Counseling and Support Services Developmental Services transfer to Family Services Division (DCF net-neutral).

(\$410,829): Northwestern Counseling and Support Services Developmental Services technical correction. (DCF net-neutral).

\$410,829: Northwestern Counseling and Support Services Integrated Services technical correction. (DCF net-neutral).

**Sec. 26** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

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

Personal services <del>2,558,460</del>	<u>2,514,961</u>
Grants <del>10,418,567</del>	<u>10,225,103</u>
Total <del>12,977,027</del>	<u>12,740,064</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>7,470,372</del>	<u>7,352,839</u>
Global Commitment fund <del>5,506,655</del>	<u>5,387,225</u>
Total <del>12,977,027</del>	<u>12,740,064</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$137,686): (\$74,034) General Fund + (\$63,652) Global Commitment Fund. Benefit caseload adjustment. *[Grants]*

(\$55,778): Essential Persons caseload adjustment, Global Commitment Fund. *[Grants]*

(\$43,499): Payment administration caseload adjustment, General Fund. *[Personal Services]*

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

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

Personal services 15,000

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Grants <del>10,415,779</del>	<u>10,674,625</u>
Total <del>10,430,779</del>	<u>10,689,625</u>
Source of funds	
General fund <del>10,189,157</del>	<u>10,492,643</u>
Federal funds 11,098	
Global Commitment fund <del>230,524</del>	<u>185,884</u>
Total <del>10,430,779</del>	<u>10,689,625</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$173,104): Personal Needs and Incidentals caseload adjustment, General Fund.

\$431,950: \$476,590 General Fund + (\$44,640) Global Commitment Fund. Support Services caseload adjustment.

**Sec. 28** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

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

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

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$2,230,278): Caseload adjustment, General Fund.

\$0: \$135,839 PATH-Miscellaneous Special Fund #21903 + (\$135,839) Federal Fund. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families revenue realignment. (DCF net-neutral).

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**Sec. 29** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

Personal services <del>1,376,425</del>	<u>1,646,237</u>
Operating expenses 159,458	
Grants <del>39,165,356</del>	<u>41,022,744</u>
Total <del>40,701,239</del>	<u>42,828,439</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>32,312,474</del>	<u>34,312,474</u>
Special funds 83,135	
Federal funds 5,118,329	
Global Commitment fund <del>3,187,301</del>	<u>3,314,501</u>
Total <del>40,701,239</del>	<u>42,828,439</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

(\$269,812): Reduction to Housing Opportunity Program grants to fund the two limited service positions transferred from the Economic Services Division to work on this program, General Fund. (DCF net-neutral). *[Grants]*

\$127,200: Permanent Supportive Housing. Funding for Community Transition Services after American Rescue Plan Act ends, Global Commitment Fund. *[Grants]*

\$269,812: Two Limited Service Position transfers from Economic Services Division; Position #751411 and #751414 to be used for the Housing Opportunity Program, General Fund. These positions are funded by reducing Housing Opportunity Program grants by the same amount (DCF net-neutral). *[Personal Services]*

\$2,000,000: Shelter Investment Funding, General Fund. Baseline impacts for fiscal year 2025 one-time investments. *[Grants]*

**Sec. 30** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 258,100
Operating expenses 38,775

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Grants <del>3,476,862</del>	<u>5,376,862</u>
Total <del>3,773,737</del>	<u>5,673,737</u>
Source of funds	
General fund <del>3,743,737</del>	<u>5,643,737</u>
Global Commitment fund 30,000	
Total <del>3,773,737</del>	<u>5,673,737</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

\$1,900,000: Windham Facility Crisis Stabilization program.

**Sec. 31** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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

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

**EXPLANATION:**

\$312,378: \$156,189 General Fund + \$156,189 Federal Fund. Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office (AHS net-neutral).

**Sec. 32** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

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

Grants 24,909,492	<u>25,070,975</u>
Total 24,909,492	<u>25,070,975</u>

#### Source of funds

General fund 8,585,909	<u>8,749,020</u>
Federal funds 7,321,114	<u>7,191,114</u>
Global Commitment fund 9,002,469	<u>9,130,841</u>
Total 24,909,492	<u>25,070,975</u>

#### EXPLANATION:

\$0: \$130,000 General Fund + (\$130,000) Federal Fund. Federal revenue reconciliation (AHS net-neutral).

\$161,483: \$33,111 General Fund + \$128,372 Global Commitment Fund. American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement bonuses. Net new costs of \$79,804 across all bonus lines.

#### Sec. 33 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

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

Grants 349,987,467	<u>351,175,948</u>
Total 349,987,467	<u>351,175,948</u>

#### Source of funds

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

#### EXPLANATION:

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\$1,188,481: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement bonuses. Net new costs of \$79,804 across all bonus lines.

**Sec. 34** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

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

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

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

\$4,711: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement bonuses. Net new costs of \$79,804 across all bonus lines.

**Sec. 35** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:

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

Grants 346,858,094	<u>375,504,889</u>
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Total 346,858,094	<u>375,504,889</u>
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Source of funds

General fund 498,579

Federal funds 2,450,000

Global Commitment fund 343,909,515	<u>372,556,310</u>
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Total 346,858,094	<u>375,504,889</u>
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**EXPLANATION:**

\$963,267: VT Veterans Home fiscal year 2024 Medicaid Cost Settlement increase received in fiscal year 2026. The amount equals the difference between the base budget estimate and actuals reported by Rate Setting.

\$1,041,326: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement bonuses. Net new costs of \$79,804 across all bonus lines.

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\$2,500,000: Choices for Care and Home & Community Based Services cost pressures.

\$9,642,202: Statutory carryforward for Choices for Care per 33 V.S.A. Chapter 76.

\$14,500,000: Nursing Home Emergency Fiscal Relief cost pressures.

**Sec. 36** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services <del>177,107,933</del>	<u>184,910,113</u>
Operating expenses <del>25,571,966</del>	<u>26,227,109</u>
Grants 801,823	
Total <del>203,481,722</del>	<u>211,939,045</u>

Source of funds

General fund <del>198,084,766</del>	<u>203,987,089</u>
Special funds <del>935,963</del>	<u>990,963</u>
Federal funds 516,600	
Global Commitment fund <del>3,548,078</del>	<u>6,048,078</u>
Interdepartmental transfers 396,315	
Total <del>203,481,722</del>	<u>211,939,045</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

\$0: (\$2,500,000) General Fund + \$2,500,000 Global Commitment Fund. Funding swap to pay for Global Commitment eligible expenses as determined by the Random Moment Time Study statistic. *[Personal Services]*

\$55,000: Fee-for-Space Increase – PILOT Special Fund #21485. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$60,000: Equipment/refreshment costs related to Department of Corrections Policy 322 – Heat Mitigation and VOSHA Recommendations. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$83,000: Sheriffs Transports - Extraditions - Increase cost and volume. *[Personal Services]*

\$100,000: Southern State Correctional Facility water and sewer bill. Previous agreement has expired and the Department of Corrections is now required to pay these costs. *[Operating Expenses]*

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\$215,143: Agency of Digital Services Service Level Agreement charges transferred from the Agency of Human Services Central Office (AHS net-neutral). *[Operating Expenses]*

\$225,000: Hotel costs for employees unable to travel home and back prior to the start of their next shift. *[Operating Expenses]*

\$3,168,837: Fiscal year 2025 Wellpath Staffing invoices paid in fiscal year 2026. *[Personal Services]*

\$4,550,643: Wellpath Staffing Contract amendment due to increased Average Daily Population above 1,525 & payment. *[Personal Services]*

**Sec. 37** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:

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

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

General fund 4,130,378	<u>4,520,333</u>
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Total 4,130,378	<u>4,520,333</u>
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**EXPLANATION:**

\$389,955: Utilization - 30 bed increase starting 11/01/2025.

**Sec. 38** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:

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

Personal services 24,048,875	
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Operating expenses 6,913,887	
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Total 30,962,762	
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Source of funds

General fund 10,033,214	<u>8,998,647</u>
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Special funds 12,799,530	<u>13,834,097</u>
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Federal funds 8,130,018	
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Total 30,962,762	
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**EXPLANATION:**

\$0: (\$71,300) General Fund + \$71,300 Vermont Veterans' Home Special Fund #91010 for Payor Mix Changes

\$0: (\$963,267) General Fund + \$963,267 Vermont Veterans' Home Special Fund #91010 for Vermont Veterans' Home fiscal year 2024 Medicaid Cost Settlement increase received in fiscal year 2026. The amount equals the difference between the base budget estimate and actuals reported by Rate Setting and paid by the Agency of Human Services.

**Sec. 39** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund <del>1,428,803,059</del>	<u>1,461,026,849</u>
Special funds <del>231,430,533</del>	<u>232,655,939</u>
Tobacco fund 23,088,208	
State health care resources fund 31,074,772	
Federal funds <del>1,946,078,413</del>	<u>1,993,089,108</u>
Global Commitment fund <del>2,148,606,890</del>	<u>2,213,122,801</u>
Internal service funds 403,853	
Interdepartmental transfers 32,694,090	
Permanent trust funds 25,000	
Total <del>5,842,204,818</del>	<u>5,987,180,620</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

Updates function total

**Sec. 40** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:

Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

Grants <del>18,500,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total <del>18,500,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>

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### Source of funds

Education fund <del>18,500,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total <del>18,500,000</del>	<u>17,500,000</u>

### EXPLANATION:

(\$1,000,000): Original appropriation estimate exceeds actual demand. *[Grants]*

**Sec. 41** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

Sec. B.516 Total general education

### Source of funds

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

### EXPLANATION:

Updates function total

**Sec. 42** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

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

Personal services <del>23,876,543</del>	<u>24,086,543</u>
Operating expenses 6,738,504	
Grants 833,630	

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Total	<del>31,448,677</del>	<u>31,658,677</u>
Source of funds		
General fund	<del>9,532,865</del>	<u>9,742,865</u>
Special funds	364,696	
Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	
Federal funds	9,927,754	
Interdepartmental transfers	1,526,302	
Total	<del>31,448,677</del>	<u>31,658,677</u>

**EXPLANATION:**

\$210,000: Game Warden Request For Review unanticipated costs. Originally anticipated a one paygrade increase but was determined to be a two paygrade increase.

**Sec. 43** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:

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

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

**EXPLANATION:**

\$597: miscellaneous costs [*Operating Expenses*]

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\$14,000: Green Mountain National Forest crew costs, 175 hours at \$80/hour *[Operating Expenses]*

\$18,637: Helicopter deployments *[Operating Expenses]*

\$71,983: Overtime costs associated with wildfire efforts through December 04, 2025. *[Personal Services]*

**Sec. 44** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.713 is amended to read:

Sec. B.713 Land use review board

Personal services 5,001,041

Operating expenses ~~537,905~~ 579,155

Total ~~5,538,946~~ 5,580,196

Source of funds

General fund ~~4,169,020~~ 4,210,270

Special funds 1,369,926

Total ~~5,538,946~~ 5,580,196

### **EXPLANATION:**

\$3,000: Computer hardware - peripherals.

\$8,250: Additional Fee-For-Space charges

\$30,000: Office Equipment

**Sec. 45** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

Source of funds

General fund ~~50,665,734~~ 51,022,201

Special funds 86,811,225

Fish and wildlife fund 10,097,060

Federal funds 184,885,710

Interdepartmental transfers 14,976,689

Total ~~347,436,418~~ 347,792,885

**EXPLANATION:**

Updates function total

**Sec. 46** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

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

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

(2) \$500,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), is appropriated to the Division of Property Valuation and Review of the Vermont Department of Taxes for the purpose of inventorying and creating a property valuation model for communications properties. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an Act of the General Assembly.

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

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

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

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

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

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(5) \$150,000 General Fund to make the current child abuse hotline compatible with updated Agency of Digital Services server requirements

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

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

(6) \$7,922,365 General Fund and \$160,000 Federal Funds for an alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act.

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

(1) \$139,443 General Fund for the establishment and operations of the Chittenden Pilot Court.

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

(1) \$36,848 General Fund for Governor's Chittenden County Accountability Court Project.

(hh) Land Access Opportunity Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Homes for All, Homes for All Phase 2, and Secure Housing Coaching programs.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

(c)(2): In fiscal year 2026 a repeal of the Telephone Personal Property Tax will take effect and the communications tax base will shift to the property tax. This multi-year appropriation will pay a vendor, currently under contract, to collect inventories and create a new valuation model for communications property over fiscal years 2026 - 2028. PILOT funds are being used for this project because it enhances municipal grand lists and gives municipalities additional revenues they have not received to date.

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(e)(4): Office fit up costs for the Agency of Human Services in Waterbury, including new leased space at Pilgrim Place.

(g)(7): The balance of the original appropriation, provided pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(10), was reverted at the end of fiscal year 2025 per 32 V.S.A. § 703. An amount equal to this reversion is appropriated to the Health Department to continue activities related to health disparities and health equity.

(h)(5): Ensures the Child Abuse Hotline is compatible with updated Agency of Digital Services server requirements.

(r)(5): Vermont Health Connect software must migrate to a cloud-based platform by the summer of 2027 to remain compliant with the security and connectivity requirements of the Federal Data Services Hub. The migration ensures support of real-time Medicaid eligibility.

(r)(6): Brattleboro Retreat Alternative Payment Model Year 5 reconciliation payment.

(ff)(1): Establishment and operations of the Chittenden Pilot Court.

(gg)(1): To support the Governor's priority of relieving the backlog of repeat offender criminal cases in Chittenden County, the States' Attorneys and Sheriffs require additional administrative support. One temp employee's hours have been increased by 20 per week, and 4 admins are permitted to work up to 4 hours per week to assist special prosecutor Zach Weight.

(hh)(1): The balance of the original appropriation, provided pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 91, was reverted at the end of fiscal year 2025 per 32 V.S.A. § 703. An amount equal to this reversion is appropriated to the Land Access Opportunity Board to provide the resources needed for the Homes for All, Homes for All Phase 2, and Secure Housing Coaching programs.

**Sec. 47** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

### Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### EXPLANATION:

Adjusts the Property Transfer Tax allocations for the \$1 million revenue downgrade adopted by the Emergency Board at its July 2025 meeting.

**Sec. 48** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

#### Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

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

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



(J) PILOT Special Fund (#21485): \$67,761.02 cash reimbursement for an excess receipt provided to the Agency of Transportation in support of the appropriation provided pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.917.

(2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:

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(C) PILOT Special Fund (#21485): \$292,288.98 cash reimbursement for an excess receipt provided to the Agency of Transportation in support of the appropriation provided pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.917.

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

(A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be ~~\$8,900,000~~ \$9,182,689.29.

(B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be ~~\$3,800,000~~ \$3,935,438.27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### EXPLANATION:

(a)(1)(I): Revenues failed to meet expectations. Resources are needed to prevent the fund from incurring a deficit due to the Department of Public Safety – Vermont Crime Information Center salary and benefit costs.

(a)(2)(J): The \$1,150,000 PILOT Special Fund appropriation provided the Agency of Transportation, per 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.917, was not enough to cover the prior year costs due municipalities upon submission of reimbursement requests. An excess receipt was authorized, per 32 V.S.A. 511, to provide the Agency the spending authority needed with the expectation that the Agency would reimburse the PILOT Special Fund.

(a)(2)(C): The \$1,150,000 PILOT Special Fund appropriation provided the Agency of Transportation, per 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.917, was not enough to cover the prior year costs due municipalities upon submission of reimbursement requests. An excess receipt was authorized, per 32 V.S.A. 511, to provide the Agency the spending authority needed with the expectation that the Agency would reimburse the PILOT Special Fund.

(a)(8)(a): 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 53(b)(1) transferred \$850,000 of General Fund (#10000) to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998). This funding was intended for the acquisition of laboratory equipment and supplies once a new location had been established.

2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. C.102 transferred the \$15,417,084.32 fiscal year end 2024 balance in the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998) to the General Fund (#10000). The transfer inadvertently captured the \$630,150 unobligated balance of the original \$850,00 transfer for laboratory equipment and supplies. The proposed transfer returns this balance to the Cannabis Regulation Fund.

The estimated transfers to the General Fund and Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund have been updated for actual net transfer amounts now that the fiscal year end 2025 balance is known, post close out, and the retention amount in the Cannabis Regulation Fund has been updated.

(b)(1)(C): Updated Unclaimed Property estimate provided by the State Treasurer in November.

(c)(1): Transfer estimates were revised down by the Department of Liquor and Lottery in September. The \$921,172 transfer reduction is based on the revenue share performance and FY25 actuals of \$6,300,000.

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(c)(2): Transfer estimates were revised up by the Department of Liquor and Lottery in October. Product sales have exceeded expectations in the current year.

**Sec. 49** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

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

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1210892401	<u>LEG-Basic Needs Budget Members</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>
1220892402	<u>JFO-Renewable Energy Standard</u>	<u>\$65</u>
1220892403	<u>JFO-Basic Needs Budget Assist</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>

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

3400891802	<u>Invest Substance Use Treat</u>	<u>\$1,500.38</u>
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**EXPLANATION:**

(a) 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. F.182(b) requires all unobligated and unexpended spending authority in the Legislative and Judicial branches remaining at the close of fiscal year 2025 to automatically carry forward for use in fiscal year 2026. Spending authority, therefore, does not revert automatically per 32 V.S.A. § 703 and can only be reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

(c) 2018 (Special Session) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. C.106.1(a) requires all unobligated and unexpended spending authority in the Tobacco Litigation Special Fund remaining at the close of each fiscal year to automatically carry forward for use in the next fiscal year. Spending authority, therefore, does not revert automatically per 32 V.S.A. § 703 and can only be reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

**Sec. 50** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

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

(1) General Fund.

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x(D) The first \$74,908,097.53 of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) and 32 V.S.A. § 308d shall, instead, be reserved for property tax relief in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds

reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subsection shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 01 of the subsequent fiscal year.

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(4) Education Fund

(A) The \$13,000,000 of Education Funds reserved, per 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec. 2, is unreserved.

**EXPLANATION:**

(a)(1)(D): The first \$74,908,097.53 of any fiscal year end 2026 General Fund balance otherwise subject to reservation in the Balance Reserve and prior to any child care contribution reservation shall instead be reserved for use in fiscal year 2027. The provision automatically unreserves any balance subject to this provision on July 01 of the subsequent fiscal year.

(a)(4)(A): 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 52, Sec.2 reserved \$13 million to offset property tax increases in fiscal year 2025 and required the Tax Commissioner to assume these funds would be unreserved when calculating the fiscal year 2025 Education Fund property tax yields. The yields were calculated as required but the \$13 million was never unreserved. This is a technical correction to a prior year oversight.

**Sec. 51** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

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

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(2) Land Use Review Board:

(A) one Executive Director

**EXPLANATION:**

Converts the Land Use Review Board Executive Director position from limited service exempt to permanent exempt.

**Sec. 52** 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

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

- (1) \$24,714,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$35,286,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated expenditure of \$60,000,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.
- (2) ~~\$3,173,533~~ \$3,154,051 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

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**EXPLANATION:**

Subsection (b) is amended to reflect current estimates.

**Sec. 53** 32 V.S.A. § 308d is added to read:

- a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant to 32 V.S.A chapter 246, for the fiscal year being closed.
- b) As part of the annual fiscal year end close out process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve an amount of General Funds equal to the consensus estimate provided in subsection (a) of this section prior to executing the requirements of 32 V.S.A. §308c.
- c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year end General Fund close out process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
- d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be greater than the actual receipts due the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. §308c.
- e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is determined to be less than the actual receipts due the Child Care Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall immediately be unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §308c.

**EXPLANATION:**

Establishes an annual procedure to be implemented as part of the fiscal year end close out process. The procedure ensures any cash received in the General Fund, from the Child Care Contribution's fourth quarter receipts, is not consumed by the General Fund Balance Reserve process provided in 32 V.S.A. §308c during fiscal year end close. Upon reconciliation of the actual receipts to the consensus estimate, the amount due to the Child Care Contribution Special Fund is transferred from the General Fund per current practice. This language was developed and agreed to by the Department of Finance and Management, the Tax Department and the Joint Fiscal Office for inclusion in the fiscal year 2026 Budget Adjustment.

**Sec. 54 CARRYFORWARD**

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

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

**EXPLANATION:**

(a) Standard 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.

(b) Standard annual language allowing fiscal year end spending authority to carryforward automatically for the Legislature and Judiciary.

**Sec. 55 EFFECTIVE DATE**

(a) This act shall take effect upon passage.

**EXPLANATION:**

Standard annual language establishing the effective date for the Act and any individual provisions within the act.