

H.951: FISCAL YEAR 2027 BIG BILL
HOUSE AND SENATE
LANGUAGE COMPARISON

Language from House	Senate Bill Section	Language from Senate
<i>Gov Rec.</i>	A.101	<p><i>Adds capital appropriation language per technical letter</i> Sec. A.101 PURPOSE</p> <p>(a) <u>The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds during fiscal year 2027. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, offices, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2026. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2027 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.</u></p>
<i>Gov. Rec.</i>	A.102	<p><i>Adds capital appropriation language per technical letter</i> Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds in fiscal year 2027.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during which any of the operating appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. Capital appropriations funded from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments Special Fund shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1001b(e). If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.</u></p>
<i>Gov. Rec.</i>	A.103	<p><i>Adds capital appropriation language per technical letter.</i> Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>As used in this act:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>“Encumbrances” means a portion of spending authority reserved for the subsequent payment of existing travel authorizations, purchase orders, grants, or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.</u></p>

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		<p>(2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to community and quasipublic agencies for providing local services, and to persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.</p> <p>(3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities; office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.</p> <p>(4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.</p> <p>(5) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.</p>
<p><i>Adds numerous appropriations; amended DCF one-times for GA Emergency Housing and new shelters to align with H.938; did not include Gov. Rec. \$15 million Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund appropriation to UVM for the Multi-Purpose Center Project.</i></p>	<p>B.1100</p>	<p><i>Moves NEK relief funding to AOT; reduces provider stabilization grants; adds appropriation for per-member, per-month payments; condenses H.938 appropriation to allow for Senate Health and Welfare to work on bill allocations; adds language for End Homelessness Vermont grant; adds appropriation for food shelves; adds appropriation (GC) for post-permanency adoption services; removes appropriation for Legal Aid Helpline; reduces appropriation for Meals on Wheels; reduces appropriation for VOREC; adds appropriation for First-Generation Homebuyer Program; adds appropriation for South Hero Service Committee; moves appropriation for 250th Commission; adds appropriation for Rural Industry Development Program; adds appropriation for Small Business Law Center; adds appropriation for Small Business Development Center; adds appropriation for nonemergency medical transportation; adds PILOT appropriation for State aid for town highways; adds appropriation for Language Justice Project; reduces appropriation for CVOEO day shelter; adds appropriation for Adult Day center; reduces appropriation for NOFA grant; reduces appropriation for Foodbank Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program; adds appropriation for local civic journalism awards; reduces appropriation for child and adult care food program; moves appropriation for AEDs in schools; adds appropriation for biomarker testing (S.154); appropriates Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund for Freedom and Unity grants appropriation; adds appropriation for Public Employee Health Benefit</i></p>

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<p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>Agency of Administration Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue for an additional year the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$900,000 General Fund to complete the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Notwithstanding 20 V.S.A. § 49, \$1,347,107 Community Resilience and Disaster Mitigation Fund for disaster relief assistance to communities impacted by severe flooding in calendar year 2025.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$300,000 General Fund and \$2,700,000 federal funds for information technology updates resulting from the federal (H.R.1) Medicaid changes.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$2,000,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants.</u></p> <p>(c) <u>Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$21,183,809 General Fund for the provision of services, implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, shelter development and operation, and supportive services, including case management to be allocated as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$3,000,000 for shelter development.</u></p>		<p><i>Study Committee (S.190); adds Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund appropriation for the McClelland Hall housing transformation project; adds appropriation for the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program (S.218); adds appropriation for Act 250 public outreach and engagement (S.325); adds appropriation for the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby; adds Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund appropriation for the Multi-Purpose Center Project.</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>Agency of Administration Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue for an additional year the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$900,000 General Fund to complete the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$300,000 General Fund and \$2,700,000 federal funds for information technology updates resulting from the 2025 federal H.R.1 Medicaid changes.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$1,425,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$3,708,562 Global Commitment for the per-member, per-month primary care case management payments to primary care providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.</u></p> <p>(c) <u>Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$21,183,809 General Fund for the provision of services, implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, shelter development and operation, emergency housing in hotels and motels, grants to municipalities, emergency cold weather</u></p>

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<p><u>(B) \$14,118,880 for emergency housing in hotels and motels.</u> <u>(C) \$500,000 for grants to municipalities.</u> <u>(D) \$1,500,000 for emergency cold weather shelters.</u> <u>(E) \$2,064,929 for staffing, grants, and contracts.</u> <u>(2) \$164,500 General Fund and \$29,873 Global Commitment for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.</u> <u>(3) \$180,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network for concrete supports programs.</u> <u>(4) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to End Homelessness Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$130,000 General Fund for distribution to supervised visitation programs pursuant to Sec. E.316.1 of this act.</u> <u>(6) \$4,000,000 General Fund for a temporary secure treatment facility for youth.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Agency of Human Services Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u> <u>(1) \$56,000 General Fund, \$44,000 federal funds, and \$100,000 Global Commitment for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for the Vermont Legal Aid Helpline.</u> <u>(2) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for an immigration attorney.</u> <u>(3) \$500,000 General Fund and \$692,494 federal funds for the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (k)(2) of this section to support Meals on Wheels programs.</u> <u>(4) \$12,526 General Fund and \$17,347 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(2) of this section for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.</u></p>		<p><u>shelters, and supportive services, including case management, staffing, grants, and contracts.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$164,500 General Fund and \$29,873 Global Commitment for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.</u> <u>(3) \$180,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network for concrete supports programs.</u> <u>(4) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to End Homelessness Vermont to support housing navigation, case management, service coordination, technical assistance, appeals, and permanent housing support for individuals living with complex needs and disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.</u> <u>(5) \$130,000 General Fund for distribution to supervised visitation programs pursuant to Sec. E.317 of this act.</u> <u>(6) \$4,000,000 General Fund for a temporary secure treatment facility for youth.</u> <u>(7) \$697,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank’s network partner food shelves and pantries through an equitable statewide distribution of food or subgrants, or both.</u> <u>(8) \$293,866 Global Commitment for post permanency adoption services.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Agency of Human Services Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u> <u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for an immigration attorney.</u> <u>(2) \$375,000 General Fund and \$519,348 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (k)(2) of this section to support Meals on Wheels programs.</u> <u>(3) \$12,526 General Fund and \$17,347 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(2) of this section for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.</u> <u>(4) \$1,555,000 General Fund and \$2,153,562 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (b)(3) of this section for per-member, per-</u></p>

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<p>(e) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$500,000 General Fund for Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC) grants.</p> <p><u>(2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program.</u></p> <p>(f) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$800,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program.</p> <p><u>(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rental Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.</u></p> <p>(g) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for maintaining the current contract with Canadian International Economic Development Partnership to provide in-market services to Montreal-based businesses seeking to expand into Vermont.</p> <p><u>(2) \$75,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Professionals of Color Network.</u></p>		<p><u>month primary care case management payments to primary care providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$123,218 General Fund and \$170,648 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(8) of this section for post permanency adoption services.</u></p> <p>(e) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$200,000</u> General Fund for Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative grants.</p> <p>(2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Serve Learn Earn Program.</p> <p>(f) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$800,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program.</p> <p>(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.</p> <p><u>(3) \$100,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency First Generation Homebuyer Program.</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$25,000 General Fund for a grant to the South Hero Service Committee to design and construct a building.</u></p> <p>(g) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for maintaining the current contract with the Canadian International Economic Development Partnership to provide in-market services to Montreal-based businesses seeking to expand into Vermont.</p> <p>(2) \$75,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Professionals of Color Network.</p> <p><u>(3) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission for the 250th celebration.</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$2,000,000 General Fund for the Rural Industry Development Program.</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Law and Graduate School for its public education offerings and free legal support to small businesses through its Vermont Small Business Law Center.</u></p>

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<p><u>(2) \$140,000 General Fund the Vermont State Youth Council.</u></p> <p><u>(j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$160,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center for the Community Outreach Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$469,000 General Fund for a grant to the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity to support operations of the Community Resource Center.</u></p> <p><u>(k) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$1,192,464 Global Commitment to support Meals on Wheels programs.</u></p> <p><u>(l) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$300,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$400,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.</u></p> <p><u>(m) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$90,000 General Fund for the Vermont Access Network's Community Radio Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$450,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar year 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(n) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(o) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>		<p><u>(1) \$140,000 General Fund for the Vermont State Youth Council.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Language Justice Project to prepare informational materials for Vermonters who speak languages other than English in the event of a disease outbreak or other public health emergency.</u></p> <p><u>(j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$160,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center for the Community Outreach Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$234,500 General Fund for a grant to the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity to support operations of the Community Resource Center.</u></p> <p><u>(k) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$894,348 Global Commitment to support Meals on Wheels programs.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to support the start-up costs of a new adult day program in Washington or Rutland county or to support the cost of an existing adult day program to expand its capacity to serve more individuals.</u></p> <p><u>(l) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$125,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$300,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural Resource Conservation Districts.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$110,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.</u></p> <p><u>(m) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$90,000 General Fund for the Vermont Access Network Community Radio Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$450,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar year 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$50,000 General Fund for awards to support local civic journalism.</u></p> <p><u>(n) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(o) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>

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<p><u>(1) \$182,000 General Fund to provide healthy meals and snacks to children and adults receiving supervised care services.</u></p> <p><u>(p) Agency of Commerce and Community Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Council on Rural Development for municipal technical assistance.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission for the 250th celebration.</u></p> <p><u>(q) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$2,320,000 General Fund for Freedom and Unity grants.</u></p> <p><u>(r) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$75,000 General Fund for costs associated with the Pension and Benefits Funding Task Force.</u></p> <p><u>(s) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$15,000 General Fund to support the work of the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.</u></p>		<p><u>(1) \$150,000 General Fund to provide healthy meals and snacks to children and adults receiving supervised care services.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$150,000 General Fund for automated external defibrillators in schools.</u></p> <p><u>(p) Department of Financial Regulation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$25,000 General Fund to support a study on the estimated amount that health insurance premiums would increase if Vermont were to enact legislation requiring health insurance coverage of biomarker testing.</u></p> <p><u>(q) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$2,320,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, for Freedom and Unity grants.</u></p> <p><u>(r) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$75,000 General Fund for costs associated with the Pension and Benefits Funding Task Force.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$50,000 General Fund to support the work of the Public Employee Health Benefit Authority Study Committee, including the hiring of one or more consultants or firms to assist with facilitating meetings and public hearings and preparing its report.</u></p> <p><u>(s) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$15,000 General Fund to support the work of the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(t) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$600,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, for the McClelland Hall housing transformation project.</u></p> <p><u>(u) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>

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		<p><u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for the Chloride Contamination Reduction Program.</u></p> <p><u>(v) Land Use Review Board. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$100,000 General Fund for Act 250 public outreach and engagement in consultation with the Land Access and Opportunity Board.</u></p> <p><u>(w) Department of Fish and Wildlife. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$25,000 General Fund for the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby.</u></p> <p><u>(x) University of Vermont. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$12,000,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, for the Multi-Purpose Center Project approved by the Board of Trustees in 2019. Any contract awarded for construction that is paid for with this spending authority shall adhere to the higher of:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the prevailing wage requirements established in 29 V.S.A. § 161(b); or</u></p> <p><u>(B) the prevailing local wage requirements as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act or related federal acts or regulations.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>B.1101</p>	<p><i>Adds contingent list. After reserving \$70.9 million for property tax buydown, executing General Fund Stabilization Reserve</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2026 CLOSEOUT; FISCAL YEAR 2027 CONTINGENT TRANSACTIONS</p> <p><u>(a) As part of the fiscal year 2026 closeout, the Department of Finance and Management shall execute the requirements of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103(a)(1)(D) as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55 and further amended by Sec. C.102 of this act, 32 V.S.A. § 308, and 32 V.S.A. § 308f. The Department of Finance and Management shall then, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection (b) of this section, and designate that money to remain unallocated for such purpose in fiscal year 2027. Any residual balance remaining after such designations shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2027, the following contingent transactions shall be executed in the following order from the designated unallocated balance as determined in subsection (a) of this section:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$4,773,798 is transferred to the Technology Modernization Special Fund (#21951).</u></p>

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		<p><u>(2) \$1,000,000 is transferred to the Farm and Forestry Operations Security Special Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$5,000,000 is transferred to the Human Services Caseload Reserve.</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$30,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for future appropriation or transfer by the General Assembly for future appropriation or transfer by the General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls, Vermont Medicaid and other human services needs, property tax relief, permanent housing initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public.</u></p>
<p><i>Reduces door control upgrades by \$2 million; reduces boiler replacement by \$1 million; does not appropriate funds for Veterans’ Home sewage upgrades; adds \$3 million appropriation for correctional facility wi-fi system.</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,455 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Department of Buildings and General Services:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$1,281,174 for statewide major maintenance;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$225,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$3,600,000 for Asa Bloomer roof replacement;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$900,000 for Rutland multimodal garage renovation;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$3,000,000 for Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs;</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$1,050,000 for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC upgrades at correctional facilities;</u></p> <p><u>(G) \$225,000 for the Agency of Human Services for statewide correctional facilities security upgrades;</u></p> <p><u>(H) \$700,000 for the Agency of Human Services for door control upgrades at correctional facilities;</u></p> <p><u>(I) \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;</u></p> <p><u>(J) \$772,557 for the Agency of Human Services for the Department for Children and Families’ youth short-term stabilization facility;</u></p>	<p>B.1103</p>	<p><i>Modifies Cash Fund appropriations per Senate Capital Bill</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,455 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Department of Buildings and General Services:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$1,281,174 for statewide major maintenance;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$225,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$1,000,000 for statewide three-acre parcel stormwater compliance;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$3,600,000 for Asa Bloomer roof replacement;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$900,000 for Rutland multimodal garage renovation;</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$3,000,000 for Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs;</u></p> <p><u>(G) \$1,050,000 for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC upgrades at correctional facilities;</u></p> <p><u>(H) \$225,000 for the Agency of Human Services for statewide correctional facilities security upgrades;</u></p> <p><u>(I) \$2,700,000 for the Agency of Human Services for door control upgrades at correctional facilities;</u></p> <p><u>(J) \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;</u></p> <p><u>(K) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades;</u></p> <p><u>(L) \$772,557 for the Agency of Human Services for the Department for Children and Families’ youth short-term stabilization facility;</u></p>

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<p><i>Technical correction to BAA DAs/SSAs payment language authorizing use of Human Services Caseload Reserve if necessary.</i> Sec. C.100 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 83(e) is amended to read: (e) If funds previously appropriated to the Agency of Human Services are insufficient to provide the State match needed to make the payment adjustment in subsection (a) of this section, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall unreserve an amount of funds equal to the deficiency from the Human Services Caseload Reserve and, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, transfer an amount of funds equal to the deficiency <u>shall be appropriated</u> to the Agency of Human Services.</p>	C.100	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Technical correction to BAA HOP partner funding language.</i> Sec. C.101 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.325(b), as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 81, is further amended to read:</p>	C.101	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>(b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,322,141 General Fund shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity for distribution to community partners providing services to prevent and address homelessness for the purpose of restoring these community partners to their fiscal year 2025 appropriation level. The \$1,322,141 shall be allocated as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Amends BAA language re: reserve of fiscal year 2026 year-end balance for fiscal year 2027 property tax relief per House miscellaneous tax bill.</i> Sec. C.102 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55 is further 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(D) The first \$74,908,097 <u>\$70,948,097</u> of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	C.102	<p><i>Amends BAA language re: reserve of fiscal year 2026 year-end balance for fiscal year 2027 property tax relief per Senate miscellaneous tax bill</i> Sec. C.102 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55, is further 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(D) The first \$74,908,097 <u>\$71,669,787</u> of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Amends Act 73 language to align with House H.955.</i> Sec. C.103 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 32 is amended to read: Sec. 32. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; TRANSFORMATION <u>APPROPRIATION; TRANSITION GRANTS</u> (a) The sum of \$2,865,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work as follows: (1) \$200,000.00 <u>\$1,452,500.00</u> for the purpose of awarding transition grants to school districts and cooperative educational service areas to support school boards transitioning the work required to transition to new governance and administrative models as contemplated in this act, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and in light of the continued analysis of the work necessary in the field to transition to new, operational school districts as contemplated by this act; (2) \$562,500.00 for positions established in Sec. 33 of this act; and</p>	C.103	<p><i>Removes language to align with Senate H.955.</i> Sec. C.103 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 32 is amended to read: Sec. 32. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; TRANSFORMATION <u>APPROPRIATION; TRANSITION GRANTS</u> (a) The sum of \$2,865,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work as follows: (1) \$200,000.00 <u>\$1,452,500.00</u> for the purpose of awarding transition grants to support school boards transitioning the work required to transition to new governance and administrative models as contemplated in this act pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and in light of the continued analysis of the work necessary in the field to transition to new, operational school districts; (2) \$562,500.00 for positions established in Sec. 33 of this act; and</p>

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<p>(3) \$2,102,500.00 \$850,000.00 for contracted services, <u>subject to the restrictions contained in subsection (c) of this section, to support facilitate school districts boards to study the advisability of forming union school districts, as well as to support districts with administrative activities relating to consolidation, including accounting, budget and operational practice, and to support education quality activities including the alignment of curricula, instructional materials, and teaching activities.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) of this section to award transition facilitation grants to school districts and cooperative educational service areas to support the work required to transition to new governance models. The Agency shall be prohibited from awarding grants pursuant to this subsection until new school district boundaries have been enacted.</u></p> <p><u>(c) The appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be subject to the following restrictions:</u></p> <p><u>(1) While this appropriation may be used to contract for data analysis necessary to support school districts with the administrative activities related to consolidation, it shall not be used to develop visualization tools, reports, or dashboards.</u></p> <p><u>(2) This appropriation shall be used to provide direct support to school boards for the business processes that are required to be completed before new school districts become operational. Support and training for school business officials and other school district personnel shall be funded solely through the appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the corresponding grants created in subsection (b) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(3) This appropriation may be used to support the special education strategic plan required pursuant to Sec. 30 of this act. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the strategic plan addresses the supports and processes needed to be in place for the transition to the weighted funding model for special education as such funding model is contemplated in this act and as may be further amended by an act of the General Assembly after consideration of the report required pursuant to Sec. 45a of this act. Any work or analysis done by the Agency regarding alternatives to the base amount or weights contained in this act shall not be funded from the appropriation contained in this section.</u></p>		<p>(3) \$2,102,500.00 \$850,000.00 for contracted services, <u>subject to the restrictions contained in subsection (c) of this section, to support facilitate school districts boards to study the advisability of forming union school districts, as well as to support districts with administrative activities relating to consolidation, including accounting, budget and operational practice, and to support education quality activities including the alignment of curricula, instructional materials, and teaching activities.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) of this section to award transition facilitation grants to support the work required to transition to new governance models.</u></p> <p><u>(c) The appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be subject to the following restrictions:</u></p> <p><u>(1) While this appropriation may be used to contract for data analysis necessary to support school districts with the administrative activities related to consolidation, it shall not be used to develop visualization tools, reports, or dashboards.</u></p> <p><u>(2) This appropriation shall be used to provide direct support to school boards for the business processes that are required to be completed before new school districts become operational. Support and training for school business officials and other school district personnel shall be funded solely through the appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the corresponding grants created in subsection (b) of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(3) This appropriation may be used to support the special education strategic plan required pursuant to Sec. 30 of this act. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the strategic plan addresses the supports and processes needed to be in place for the transition to the weighted funding model for special education as such funding model is contemplated in this act and as may be further amended by an act of the General Assembly after consideration of the report required pursuant to Sec. 45a of this act. Any work or analysis done by the Agency regarding alternatives to the base amount or weights contained in this act shall not be funded from this appropriation.</u></p>
<p><i>Amends Act 27 federal funding cut rescission language to extend response mechanism into fiscal years 2027 through 2029.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.104 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.127.2 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.127.2 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF</p>	<p>C.104</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE</p> <p>(a) As used in this section:</p> <p>(1) “Unduplicated function total” means the individual function totals set forth in this act excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the determination of an unduplicated function total shall not include Education Funds.</p> <p>(2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.</p> <p>(b) In <u>fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, in</u> each instance that a reduction in federal revenues to the State results in a decrease of the unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit by:</p> <p>(1) Less than 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total or \$2,000,000, whichever threshold amount is greater, the Secretary of Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee and may prepare and implement a spending authority reduction plan without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reduction in the federal revenues. If the Secretary’s plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection of any appropriations act, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in 32 V.S.A. § 704(b)(2).</p> <p>(2) Greater than \$2,000,000 and 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit, but less than 25 percent or \$50,000,000, whichever threshold amount is lower:</p> <p>(A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare a spending authority reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to the same process established in 32 V.S.A. § 704(e), notwithstanding the reference to subdivision (b)(1) of this section, provided that the total reductions to federal spending authority are not greater than the reductions in federal revenues; and</p> <p>(B) to maintain a balanced State budget, to minimize the impact to Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in this act <u>and future fiscal year appropriations acts or both</u>, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:</p> <p>(i) utilize the appropriation in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act to support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding level until the General Assembly is in session;</p> <p>(ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and</p>		

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<p>(iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary to support the priorities of the General Assembly.</p> <p>(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of calculating any appropriation reduction that triggers the actions set forth in this section, the baseline federal funding amounts shall be the federal funding set forth in this act <u>the general appropriations act for the fiscal year in which the reduction occurs</u>. The Secretary of Administration shall monitor any changes in federal funding as the difference between the baseline federal funding amount for use in fiscal year 2026 and any updated State federal funds revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the percent reduction of the unduplicated function totals for each governmental function unit.</p>		
<p><i>Amends statute to allow Secretary of State to retain unobligated balance in the Secretary of State Services Fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.105 3 V.S.A. § 118 is amended to read:</p> <p>3 V.S.A. § 118. COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUE</p> <p>(a) There is hereby created a Secretary of State Services Fund. The Fund shall be used to provide appropriations for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of State, with the exception of those operations provided for in chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title. The Fund shall be administered as a special fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. At the end of each fiscal year, the unobligated balance in this Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.</p> <p>(b) All revenues collected by the Secretary of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Services Fund except for the following revenues:</p> <p>(1) any revenues collected by the Office of Professional Regulation set forth in chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title; and</p> <p>(2) any revenues collected pursuant to subsection 117(k) of this title.</p> <p>(c) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to collect and deposit into the Secretary of State Services Fund revenues generated from optional services offered in the normal course of business, including for one-time or periodic sales of data by subscription or other contractual basis.</p> <p><u>(d) The Secretary of State or designee shall report annually to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September meeting on the prior fiscal year fund balance at closeout. The report shall include projected revenues to and expenditures from the Fund in future fiscal years.</u></p>	<p>C.105</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>C.106</p>	<p><i>Amends BAA language to make housing authority funding request timeline workable.</i></p>

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		<p>Sec. C.106 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 79 is amended to read: Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) A housing authority shall notify the Department for Children and Families of its intent to request funds and submit a report on its financial need, including evidence that the request conforms to applicable HUD requirements and is a necessary and proper expense, to the Department on or before April 15, 2026 <u>within 10 business days after receiving official notice from HUD of its federal fiscal year 2026 funding amount.</u></p> <p>(e) On or before May 1, 2026 <u>Not more than 20 business days after official notice from HUD of federal fiscal year 2026 funding amounts for housing authorities in Vermont,</u> the Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to issuing funds; and (2) establish guidelines to ensure that funds are distributed based upon need. <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>N/A</i></p>	<p>C.107</p>	<p><i>Amends allowable use of prior-year VHCB appropriation to include supportive housing for individuals eligible to receive Medicaid-funded developmental disabilities services.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.107 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1102(c) is amended to read:</p> <p>(c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness <u>or who need supportive housing.</u> The funds shall be used to expand Vermont’s shelter capacity, provide homes for those experiencing homelessness, <u>create housing for individuals eligible to receive Medicaid-funded developmental disabilities services,</u> and decrease reliance on the General Assistance Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid. Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, creation of permanent supportive housing, and utilization of manufactured homes on infill sites. <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p><i>N/A</i></p>	<p>C.108</p>	<p><i>Technical amendment to align ERAP reversion and reallocation language with executed transaction.</i> Sec. C.108 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. C.110, as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. C.105, is further amended to read: Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION (a) The Secretary of Administration may reimburse up to \$14,300,000 of prior fiscal year federal funds expended through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant Request #3034 with new <u>General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments</u> appropriations transferred from existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury. These programs shall receive an amount of spending authority from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program <u>2 Fund</u> equal to the amount of <u>General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments</u> appropriation transferred. (b) To the extent that qualifying <u>General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments</u> expenditures already incurred are transferred onto the spending authority established in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, transfer an equivalent amount of <u>General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments</u> spending authority to support programs established through Grant Request #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant approvals by the Joint Fiscal Committee.</p>
<p><i>N/A</i></p>	<p>C.109</p>	<p><i>Amends BAA one-time appropriation to make VSERS ADEC funding allowable use.</i> Sec. C.109 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 51, is further amended to read: Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS (a) Agency of Administration Secretary’s Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following: * * *</p>

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		<p>(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. <u>Any remaining funds may be used, if necessary, to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution for the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System is 100 percent funded in fiscal year 2026. The appropriation made in Sec. B.104.1 of this act pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 473(c)(8) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether fiscal year 2026 appropriations are sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026.</u> These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.</p>												
N/A	C.110	<p>Technical correction to reduce current year appropriation (had been a reversion in the House bill). Sec. C.110 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 3 is amended to read: Sec. 3. SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE; REPORT * * * (i) Appropriations. * * * (2) The sum of \$100,000.00 <u>\$28,310.70</u> is appropriated to the Agency of Digital Services from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026 to cover costs associated with supporting the Task Force, or, if necessary, for the purposes of hiring one or more consultants to provide support to the Task Force. * * *</p>												
N/A	C.111	<p>Technical correction to reduce current year appropriation (had been a reversion in the House bill). Sec. C.111 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 41, is further amended to read: Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1489 1321 2456 1458"> <tr> <td>Personal services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">184,910,113</td> <td style="text-align: right;">184,260,113</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26,227,109</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26,227,109</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grants</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>801,823</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>801,823</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>211,939,045</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">211,289,045</td> </tr> </table>	Personal services	184,910,113	184,260,113	Operating expenses	26,227,109	26,227,109	Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>	Total	<u>211,939,045</u>	211,289,045
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<p>Removes unnecessary reserve language.</p> <p>Sec. D.103 RESERVES</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2027, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:</p> <p>(1) General Fund.</p>	<p>D.103</p>	<p>Removes fiscal year 2027 year-end balance language.</p> <p>Sec. D.103 RESERVES</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2027, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:</p> <p>(1) General Fund.</p>																																																																																																																																				

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<p><u>(A) The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$6,550,000.00 is expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(B) The \$30,000,000 General Fund reserved pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(4) is unreserved.</u></p> <p><u>(C) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, any General Fund balance that would otherwise have been subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 308c shall instead be reserved for use in the subsequent fiscal year for providing property tax relief, permanent housing initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public.</u></p>		<p><u>(A) The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$6,550,000 is expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(B) The \$30,000,000 General Fund reserved pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(4) is unreserved.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>D.104</p>	<p><i>Adds language to address potential inclusion of appropriations or language relating to education transformation.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.104 EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION FUNDING</p> <p><u>(a) As part of the fiscal year appropriations and revenue decisions, this act reserves sufficient monies to fully fund education transformation initiatives established through legislation enacted in 2025 and 2026. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any specific appropriations, legislative language, and applicable adjustments, once developed, be incorporated in a specific bill or, if necessary, be added to this act.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds position creations and conversions. Moves Gov. Rec. position conversion into new E.100 section. Language in effective dates section making position creation contingent on General Fund revenue downgrade of less than 1% or JFC approved rescission plan that doesn't rescind funds.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.100 POSITIONS</p> <p><u>(a) The establishment of 6 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2027 for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Permanent classified positions:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Office of the State Treasurer:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Program Technician III.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Financial Director III.</u></p> <p><u>(C) Vermont Labor Relations Board:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Mediator.</u></p> <p><u>(D) Office of the Secretary of State:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one RIM Specialist; and</u></p> <p><u>(ii) one Business Services Administrator.</u></p>	<p>E.100</p>	<p><i>Adds Policy and Research Manager position at the Treasurer's Office, Executive Officer position at the Secretary of State's Office, and Staff Attorney position at the Secretary of State's Office. Removes mediator position.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.100 POSITIONS</p> <p><u>(a) The establishment of seven permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2027 for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Permanent classified positions:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Office of the State Treasurer:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Program Technician III; and</u></p> <p><u>(ii) one Policy and Research Manager.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Vermont Pension Investment Commission:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Financial Director III.</u></p> <p><u>(C) Office of the Secretary of State:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one RIM Specialist;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) one Business Services Administrator; and</u></p>

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<p><u>(2) Permanent exempt positions:</u> <u>(A) State Ethics Commission:</u> <u>(i) one Staff Attorney.</u> <u>(b) The conversion of four limited service positions to permanent classified status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:</u> <u>(1) Office of the Attorney General:</u> <u>(A) one Assistant Director of Court Diversion and Pretrial Services; and</u> <u>(B) one Home Improvement Specialist.</u> <u>(2) Office of the Secretary of State:</u> <u>(i) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.</u> <u>(3) Department of Public Service:</u> <u>(i) one Financial Director IV.</u> <u>(c) The conversion of 26 limited service positions to permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:</u> <u>(1) Judiciary:</u> <u>(A) one Database Administrator;</u> <u>(B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;</u> <u>(C) two Centralized Service Analysts;</u> <u>(D) ten Judicial Assistants; and</u> <u>(E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.</u></p>		<p><u>(iii) one Executive Officer.</u> <u>(2) Permanent exempt positions:</u> <u>(A) Office of the Secretary of State:</u> <u>(i) one Staff Attorney.</u> <u>(b) The conversion of four limited service positions to permanent classified status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:</u> <u>(1) Office of the Attorney General:</u> <u>(A) one Assistant Director of Court Diversion and Pretrial Services; and</u> <u>(B) one Home Improvement Specialist.</u> <u>(2) Office of the Secretary of State:</u> <u>(A) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.</u> <u>(3) Department of Public Service:</u> <u>(A) one Financial Director IV.</u> <u>(c) The conversion of 26 limited service positions to permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:</u> <u>(1) Judiciary:</u> <u>(A) one Database Administrator;</u> <u>(B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;</u> <u>(C) two Centralized Service Analysts;</u> <u>(D) 10 Judicial Assistants; and</u> <u>(E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.</u></p>
<p><i>Extends ARPA reporting language; makes technical correction.</i> Sec. E.100.1 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100.3 is amended to read: Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS; REPORTING (a) In fiscal year <u>years</u> 2026 <u>and 2027</u>, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. (1) Reports shall include information on: (A) the original amounts appropriated; (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and (C) any remaining spending authority.</p>	<p>E.100.1</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>(b) In fiscal year <u>years</u> 2026, 2027, and 2028, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of any spending authority established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.</p> <p>(1) Reports shall include information on:</p> <p>(A) the original amounts appropriated;</p> <p>(B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and</p> <p>(C) any remaining spending authority.</p> <p>(c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and (e) that remains unexpended and unencumbered on December 31, 2027, shall revert to the General Fund. Any unallocated balance resulting from this reversion shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p>Adds federal fund status report language.</p> <p>Sec. E.100.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON STATUS OF FEDERAL FUNDS</p> <p>(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July, September, and November 2026 meetings, and at other meetings as requested, on any reductions to federal revenues to the State and the status of any appropriations impacted by such reductions.</p>	E.100.2	No change.
<p>Amends statute to direct Technology Modernization Special Fund interest to the CIT Fund if the latter has a negative fund balance at the close of a fiscal year.</p> <p>Sec. E.105 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND</p> <p>(a) Creation. There is created the Technology Modernization Special Fund, to be administered by the Agency of Digital Services. Monies in the Fund shall be used to fund business process transformation and to purchase, implement, and upgrade technology platforms, systems, and cybersecurity services used by State agencies and departments to carry out their statutory functions.</p> <p>(b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:</p> <p>(1) any amounts transferred to it by the General Assembly; and</p> <p>(2) any interest earned by the Fund.</p> <p>(c) Fund balance. Any</p> <p>(1) <u>Subject to the exception in subdivision (2) of this subsection, any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the Fund.</u></p>	E.105	Struck.

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<p><u>(2) In the event that the Information Technology Internal Service Fund pursuant to section 3304 of this chapter has a negative balance at the end of a fiscal year, the portion of the balance of the Technology Modernization Special Fund that is composed solely of interest, if any, shall be transferred to the Information Technology Internal Service Fund.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p>Adds ADS deficit mitigation plan directive language to ADS. Sec. E.105.1 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND; DEFICIT MITIGATION PLAN</p> <p><u>(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Digital Services shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a written plan to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions on how to reduce the deficit in the Information Technology Internal Service Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 3304, including any recommended changes to revenue sources to and expenditures from the Fund. The report shall include information on revenues to and expenditures from the Fund and the Fund’s balance at fiscal year closeout for the previous 10 fiscal years. The report shall also include the most current available information on revenues to and expenditures from the Fund and the estimated Fund balance at fiscal year 2027 closeout.</u></p>	E.105.1	No change.
<p>Adds reversion and carryforward to statutory budget presentation requirements. Sec. E.106 32 V.S.A. § 307(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>(b) The budget shall also include in detail definite recommendations of the Governor relative to the amounts that should be appropriated to each of the activities referred to under this section. It shall also include definite recommendations of the Governor relative to the financing of the expenditures recommended and the appropriate amounts to be raised from ordinary revenue, direct taxes, bonds, or loans. The financing of the expenditures recommended, as proposed by the Governor, shall not include the funds from the Budget Stabilization Reserve as established in section 308 of this title. With the budget, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly such messages, statements, or supplemental data with reference to the same, as the Governor may deem expedient; however, budget documentation shall include to the extent possible the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(5) A document outlining reversions and approved carryforward by appropriation.</u></p>	E.106	No change.
N/A	E.108	Adds report language on exempt employee compensation. Sec. E.108 STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY;

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		<p style="text-align: center;">DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Human Resources shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Government Operations with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action on how and whether to amend the statutes governing State employee compensation, including what State employee salary information should be set forth in statute and the method of determining appropriate pay increases for State employees. The report and recommendations shall be based on the Department’s review and analysis of the following:</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(1) those exempt position titles that set forth the associated salary in statute and the exempt position titles that do not set forth salary in statute;</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(2) how the annual rate of adjustment is determined and applied for exempt employee salaries and how it compares to the annual rate of adjustment determination and application for classified employee salaries; and</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(3) the salary advancement structure for exempt employees as compared to the salary advancement structure for classified employees.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds Department of Taxes position pool language. Language in effective dates section making position creation contingent on General Fund revenue downgrade of less than 1% or JFC approved rescission plan that doesn’t rescind funds.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111 DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; POSITION POOL; FUNDING</p> <p><u>(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.111 of this act, \$135,000 General Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Business Analyst position to be taken from the position pool.</u></p>	<p>E.111</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.111.1</p>	<p><i>Directs 50% of cannabis excise tax revenue to the General Fund (reduced from 70%). Effective fiscal year 2028.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111.1 32 V.S.A. § 435 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 435. GENERAL FUND</p> <p>(a) There is established the General Fund, which shall be the basic operating fund of the State. The General Fund shall be used to finance all expenditures for which no special revenues have otherwise been provided by law.</p> <p>(b) The General Fund shall be composed of revenues from the following sources:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) alcoholic beverage tax levied pursuant to 7 V.S.A. chapter 15;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(2) 50 percent of the revenue from the cannabis excise tax levied pursuant to section 7902 of this title;</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p>

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	E.111.2	<p><i>Directs 20% of cannabis excise tax revenue to the Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund. Effective fiscal year 2028.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111.2 16 V.S.A. § 2885(a) is amended to read:</p> <p>(a) A Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer to comprise the following:</p> <p>(1) appropriations made by the General Assembly;</p> <p>(2) in any fiscal year in which a General Fund surplus exists and the General Fund Stabilization Reserve is funded to its required statutory level, funds raised by the estate tax levied under 32 V.S.A. chapter 190 that are more than 125 percent of the amount projected by the Emergency Board in the July annual forecast made pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 305a; and</p> <p>(3) <u>20 percent of the revenue from the cannabis excise tax levied pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902; and</u></p> <p>(4) contributions from any other sources.</p>
<p><i>Adds special funds report language.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a report with a general overview of special funds and their uses to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before December 15, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In addition to the report outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Department of Finance and Management, submit the following reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations:</u></p> <p><u>(1) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “general government,” “labor,” “general education,” “commerce and community development,” and “transportation.” The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(2) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “human services” and “natural resources.” The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(3) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by the Department of</u></p>	E.127	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>Finance and Management’s accounting system as “protection to persons and property.”</u> <u>The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2028.</u> <u>(4) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that did not fall within any function areas of government identified in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection or that would fall within those function areas of government but were established after the relevant report was submitted. The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2029.</u> <u>(c) The reports required by subsection (b) of this section shall include, for each special fund identified, the following information, if available:</u> <u>(1) the authorizing statute for the fund, its date of enactment, and any amendments to the statute;</u> <u>(2) a description of revenue sources and expenditures, including stated purposes of expenditures;</u> <u>(3) the prior fiscal year fund balance at closeout; and</u> <u>(4) other relevant information on the general management and oversight of the fund.</u></p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.127.1</p>	<p><i>Adds fee report language.</i> <u>Sec. E.127.1 FISCAL YEAR 2027 FEE REPORT; HUMAN SERVICES; NATURAL RESOURCES</u> <u>(a) Fiscal year 2027 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.300–399 and B.700–799 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2027. The fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:</u> <u>(1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;</u> <u>(2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;</u> <u>(3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;</u> <u>(4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2027;</u> <u>(5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2027;</u> <u>(6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2027 and 2028;</u> <u>(7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory function performed by the agency, department, board, or office supported by the fee;</u></p>

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		<p><u>(8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2026;</u></p> <p><u>(9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the percentage of the special fund’s revenues that the fee represents;</u></p> <p><u>(10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other jurisdictions;</u></p> <p><u>(11) any policies or trends that might affect the viability of the fee amount; and</u></p> <p><u>(12) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Reports.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2026, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards, and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before submitting the report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.</u></p> <p><u>(2) On or before December 15, 2026, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a final report to the Joint Fiscal Office.</u></p> <p><u>(3) On or before January 15, 2027, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a consolidated report consisting of the final reports submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.</u></p> <p><u>(4) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided for any reason, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall include in both the draft and final reports a written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.</u></p> <p><u>(c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies, departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and penalties.”</u></p>

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		<u>(d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year 2027, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General Assembly.</u>
<p>Adds Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund report language. Sec. E.131 HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND; USES; REPORT <u>(a) In calendar year 2026, as part of the annual financial report on the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund required by 16 V.S.A. § 2885(e), the Office of the State Treasurer shall, in consultation with the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council, include recommendations on any changes to revenue sources to or expenditures from the Fund, including any expanded uses of the fund and adjustments to the current statutory allocation structure.</u></p>	E.131	No change.
N/A	E.131.1	<p>Repeals State PACE Reserve Fund (\$61K balance transferred to General Fund in Sec. D.101). Sec. E.131.1 STATE PACE RESERVE FUND; REPEAL <u>(a) 24 V.S.A. § 3270 (state PACE reserve fund) is repealed.</u></p>
<p>Updates numbers. Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS <u>(a) Of the \$3,654,172 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,472,609 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,181,563 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>	E.133	<p>Updates numbers. Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS <u>(a) Of the \$3,768,126 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,526,938 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,241,188 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>
<p>Updates numbers. Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS <u>(a) Of the \$2,174,810 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,732,301 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$442,509 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>	E.134	<p>Updates numbers. Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS <u>(a) Of the \$2,214,955 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,772,446 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$442,509 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>
<p>Amends statute for mediator position. Sec. E.135 3 V.S.A. § 922 is amended to read: <u>§ 922. OFFICE SPACE; EMPLOYEES; MEDIATOR</u></p>	E.135	Struck.

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<p>(a) The Secretary of Administration shall, upon request by the State Labor Relations Board, allow the Board the responsible use of public buildings under his or her <u>the Secretary's control</u> and furnish heat, light, and furniture for any meeting or hearing called by the Board.</p> <p>(b) The Board may employ such employees and agents as it deems necessary; and may employ a reporter for taking and transcribing testimony in hearing before it.</p> <p>(c)(1) <u>The Board may employ a mediator to provide free mediation services to public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers upon reaching an impasse during collective bargaining.</u></p> <p><u>(2) If the mediator has capacity, the mediator may provide free mediation services to public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers on grievances and unfair labor practice charges.</u></p> <p><u>(3) The Board shall develop policies and procedures to ensure that all confidential mediation information is maintained separately and insulated from access by members of the Board or other employees of the State Labor Relations Board so as to protect the integrity of the mediation process.</u></p>		
<p><i>Adds language for Ethics Commission attorney.</i> Sec. E.136.1 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; ATTORNEY; MUNICIPAL CODE OF ETHICS</p> <p><u>(a)(1) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.136.1 of this act, up to \$140,000 may be used by the State Ethics Commission to fund the permanent, exempt Staff Attorney position established by Sec. E.100(a)(2)(A)(i) of this act, who will prioritize the Commission's obligations in providing education, training, guidance, and advice to persons subject to the State Code of Ethics and the Municipal Code of Ethics.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Any remaining spending authority may be used by the State Ethics Commission to fund operating expenses, including the purchase of equipment and supplies.</u></p>	E.136.1	<i>Struck.</i>
<p><i>Amends effective dates for Ethics Commission rulemaking.</i> Sec. E.136.2 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171 (2024 Ethics Act), Sec. 24, as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 4, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 24. EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p>This act shall take effect on passage, except that:</p> <p>(1) Sec. 13 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1230, Commission procedure, rulemaking) shall take effect on July 1, 2027 <u>2028</u>, except that the Commission may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. § 1230(b) prior to July 1, 2028;</p> <p>(2) Sec. 22 (creating Municipal Code of Ethics) shall take effect on January 1, 2025;</p>	E.136.2	<i>Struck.</i>

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<p>(3) Sec. 7 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1221(a), describing expansion of Commission powers) shall take effect on September 1, 2027 <u>July 1, 2028</u>;</p> <p>(4) Sec. 8 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1222; title redesignation) shall take effect on July 1, 2025;</p> <p>(5) Sec. 9 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025;</p> <p>(6) Secs. 10 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1227, Commission investigations), 11 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1228, Commission hearings), 12 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1229, Commission warnings, reprimands, recommended actions, and agreements), and 14 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records regarding complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2027 <u>July 1, 2028</u>; and</p> <p>(7) Sec. 1 (amending 17 V.S.A. § 2414, candidate disclosures) shall take effect on January 1, 2026.</p>		
<p><i>Amends Ethics Commission effective dates.</i> Sec. E.136.3 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 5 is amended to read: Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES This act shall take effect on passage, except that:</p> <p>(1) Sec. 1 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025, and shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 9 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1223 and that conflict with the language in this act;</p> <p>(2) Sec. 2 (amending future version of 3 V.S.A. § 1223) shall take effect on September 1, 2027 <u>July 1, 2028</u>; and</p> <p>(3) Sec. 3 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records regarding complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2027 <u>July 1, 2028</u>, and shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 14 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1231 and that conflict with the language in this act.</p>	E.136.3	<i>Struck.</i>
<p><i>Amends statute to add Ethics Handbook requirements.</i> Sec. E.136.4 3 V.S.A. § 1225 is amended to read: § 1225. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR GUIDANCE AND <u>ADVISORY OPINIONS, AND ETHICS HANDBOOK</u></p> <p>(a) Guidance.</p> <p>(1) The Executive Director may provide guidance only to a person who is or will be subject to the provisions of this chapter, upon his or her <u>the person's</u> request, with respect</p>	E.136.4	<i>Struck.</i>

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<p>to that person’s duties regarding any provision of this chapter or regarding any other issue related to governmental ethics.</p> <p>(2) The Executive Director may consult with members of the Commission and the Department of Human Resources in preparing this guidance.</p> <p>(3) Guidance provided under this subsection shall be exempt from public inspection and copying under the Public Records Act and shall be kept confidential unless the receiving entity has publicly disclosed it.</p> <p>(b) Advisory opinions.</p> <p>(1) On the written request of a person who is or will be subject to the provisions of this chapter, the Executive Director may issue an advisory opinion to that person that provides general advice or interpretation with respect to that person’s duties regarding any provision of this chapter or regarding any other issue related to governmental ethics.</p> <p>(2) The Executive Director may consult with members of the Commission and the Department of Human Resources in preparing these advisory opinions.</p> <p>(3) The Executive Director may seek comment from persons interested in the subject of an advisory opinion under consideration.</p> <p>(4) The Executive Director shall post on the Commission’s website any advisory opinions that he or she <u>the Director</u> issues.</p> <p>(c) <u>Ethics Handbook. The Executive Director shall publish an Ethics Handbook that shall provide a plain language guide to a person who is or will be subject to the provisions of this chapter regarding the application of the State Code of Ethics. The Ethics Handbook shall include information regarding all of the following as provided for under the State Code of Ethics and as interpreted or applied by the Commission:</u></p> <p><u>(1) standards of conduct;</u></p> <p><u>(2) what constitutes a conflict of interest and how a person subject to the provisions of this chapter should respond if a conflict of interest is alleged or perceived;</u></p> <p><u>(3) how to determine what is an acceptable gift, including criteria applied by the Commission to determine when reviewing whether a gift is acceptable for each category of acceptable gift;</u></p> <p><u>(4) what constitutes a misuse of position, misuse of information, or misuse of government resources by a person subject to the provisions of this chapter and the criteria applied by the Commission to determine misuse;</u></p> <p><u>(5) what constitutes an unauthorized commitment by a person subject to the requirements of this chapter;</u></p>		

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<p><u>(6) what employment restrictions exist for persons subject to this chapter and how such restrictions are enforced;</u> <u>(7) the legal authority relied on by the Commission in developing the information and criteria for each subdivision (1)–(6) of this subsection; and</u> <u>(8) any other information the Executive Director determines is relevant to the application of the State Code of Ethics and the operation of the Commission.</u></p>		
<p>Adds language for publication timeline of Ethics Handbook. Sec. E.136.5 PUBLICATION OF ETHICS HANDBOOK; REPORT <u>(a) The Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission shall publish the Ethics Handbook required by 3 V.S.A. § 1225(c) on or before January 15, 2027.</u> <u>(b) The Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission shall submit a draft copy of the Ethics Handbook to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on Government Operations on or before December 15, 2026.</u></p>	E.136.5	Struck.
N/A	E.138	<p>Adds intent language stating that renter rebate increase in B.138 is one-time in nature. Sec. E.138 RENTER REBATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASE INCREASE; ONE-TIME <u>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the \$4,000,000 increase to the appropriation in Sec. B.138 of this act be a one-time increase in fiscal year 2027 that shall not recur in future fiscal years.</u></p>
<p>Adds language to make B.139 appropriation an allowable use of the PILOT Fund. Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND <u>(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a) or any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act shall be made from the PILOT Special Fund.</u></p>	E.139.1	No change.
Gov. Rec.	E.209.1	<p>Adds firearm sales/purchase as allowable revenue/expenditure to/from Fund. Sec. E.209.1 20 V.S.A. § 1913a is added to read: <u>§ 1913a. VERMONT STATE POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND FIREARM REPLACEMENT SPECIAL FUND</u> <u>(a) Creation. There is created the Vermont State Police Radio Equipment and Firearm Replacement Special Fund, to be administered by the Department of Public Safety in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. Monies in the Fund shall be used for the purchase of Vermont State Police radio equipment and firearms in accordance with the life cycle replacement schedule as approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.</u> <u>(b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:</u></p>

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		<p>(1) any amounts transferred to it by the General Assembly; and (2) the proceeds from the sale of any existing radio <u>equipment and firearms</u>. (c) Fund balance. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the Fund. (d) Receipts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.</p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.220</p>	<p><i>Directs \$250,000 of transfer to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund to be for grants to the member organizations of the Vermont Network.</i> Sec. E.220 CENTER FOR CRIME VICTIM SERVICES; TRANSFER; GRANTS TO VERMONT NETWORK (a) <u>Of the amount transferred from the General Fund to the Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(F) of this act, the Center for Crime Victim Services shall distribute \$250,000 as grants to the member organizations of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.</u></p>
<p><i>Increases allocation to Vermont Access Network.</i> Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK BUDGET (a) <u>The Secretary of State shall grant the \$1,800,000 General Fund appropriation provided in Sec. B.232 of this act to the Vermont Access Network to maintain current operations and programming.</u></p>	<p>E.232</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.233.1</p>	<p><i>Statutory clean-up relating to repeal of State PACE Reserve Fund.</i> Sec. E.233.1 30 V.S.A. § 209 is amended to read: § 209. JURISDICTION; GENERAL SCOPE * * * (e) Thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funding. (1) Each of the following shall be used to deliver thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with this section for unregulated fuels to Vermont consumers of such fuels. In addition, the Commission may authorize an entity appointed to deliver such services under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section to use monies subject to this subsection for the engineering, design, and construction of facilities for the conversion of thermal energy customers using fossil fuels to district heat if the majority of the district's energy is from biomass sources, the district's distribution system is highly energy efficient, and such conversion is cost effective. (A) Net revenues above costs associated with payments from the New England Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) for capacity savings resulting from the activities</p>

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		<p>of the energy efficiency utility designated under subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (e) that are not transferred to the State PACE Reserve Fund under 24 V.S.A. § 3270(e). These revenues shall be deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund established by this section. In delivering services with respect to heating systems using the revenues subject to this subdivision (A), the entity shall give priority to incentives for the installation of high efficiency biomass heating systems and shall have a goal of offering an incentive that is equal to 25 percent of the installed cost of such a system. Provision of an incentive under this subdivision (A) for a biomass heating system shall not be contingent on the making of other energy efficiency improvements at the property on which the system will be installed.</p> <p>* * *</p>
<p><i>Increases allocation for the Office of the Health Care Advocate.</i> Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act: (1) \$2,450,406 shall be for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate; (2) \$1,717,994 shall be for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty Law Project and mental health services; and (3) \$650,000 shall be for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.</p>	<p>E.300</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Adds language to direct AHS to report on development of Green Mountain Youth Campus and costs of 41-bed high-end system of care; pauses expenditures without General Assembly/JFC approval.</i> Sec. E.300.1 HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH (a) Monthly from August through December 2026, the Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on its plan to develop the Green Mountain Youth Campus, including its progress on a complete, unambiguous written analysis of the estimated costs of an annual operating budget for full utilization of the proposed 41-bed high-end system of care consistent with 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.300.1. (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services shall not expend funds for further development of the Green Mountain Youth Campus in fiscal year 2027 until either:</p>	<p>E.300.1</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>(1) the Joint Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions, approves the resumption of expenditures for the Green Mountain Youth Campus upon reviewing one or more of the reports received pursuant to subsection (a) of this section while the General Assembly is adjourned sine die; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) the General Assembly authorizes resumption of spending by legislative enactment.</u></p>		
<p><i>Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.301</p>	<p><i>Technical letter change to ensure fiscal year 2027 closeout language references new fund that will be established by the time this language is relevant.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT</p> <p><u>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for payment required under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a total estimated sum of \$28,368,715 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$25,158,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$34,842,000 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 School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 1904a.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$3,210,715 certified State match available from local designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health services provided under Global Commitment.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Up to \$4,997,210 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 (Secretary's Office; Global Commitment) of this act.</u></p>
<p><i>Updates Gov. Rec. language to make waiver application permissive rather than directive.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.306 REINSURANCE; AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE SECTION 1332 WAIVER</p>	<p>E.306</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in consultation with the Department of Financial Regulation, is authorized to submit a State Innovation Waiver pursuant to Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152, to establish a program for reinsurance and seek federal pass-through funding of amounts attributable to premium tax credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B.</u></p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.306.3</p>	<p><i>Adds language directing DVHA to distribute per-member per-month primary care case management payments.</i> Sec. E.306.3 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS; PRIMARY CARE CASE MANAGEMENT PAYMENTS <u>(a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall establish and distribute per-member, per-month primary care case management payments to primary care providers in fiscal year 2027 in order to preserve access to primary care services.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds definition of supervisory union to title 33. Effective October 1.</i> Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1900 is amended to read: § 1900. DEFINITIONS As used in this subchapter, unless otherwise indicated: * * * <u>(12) “Supervisory union” has the same meaning as in 16 V.S.A. § 11 and includes a supervisory district.</u></p>	<p>E.307.1</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Establishes Medicaid School-Based Services Program. Effective October 1.</i> Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1904 is added to read: § 1904. MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM <u>(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont maximize its receipt of federal reimbursement for medically related services provided to students who are eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.</u> <u>(2) It is also the intent of the General Assembly that Vermont’s School-Based Medical Assistance Program shall comply with all federal Medicaid requirements. As the State Medicaid agency, the Agency of Human Services shall have sole responsibility for determining and maintaining program compliance.</u> <u>(b) The Agency of Education shall be responsible for coordination of the School-Based Medical Assistance Program with statewide education policy and objectives and for communicating with supervisory unions.</u> <u>(c) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to identify the services that are available through the School-Based Medical</u></p>	<p>E.307.2</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>Assistance Program and to set forth the requirements for supervisory union participation. The rules shall include State and federal requirements for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) Medicaid reimbursement;</u> <u>(2) participation in a Random Moment Time Study and an electronic health records system;</u> <u>(3) Medicaid cost reports;</u> <u>(4) provider enrollment and trainings;</u> <u>(5) service documentation;</u> <u>(6) Medicaid eligibility; and</u> <u>(7) any other provisions necessary for compliance with the Medicaid program.</u> <p><u>(d)(1) The Agency of Human Services shall support supervisory unions by funding and providing the technical elements of the Program necessary for federal compliance.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Supervisory unions delivering medically related services pursuant to the Medicaid School-Based Services Program shall participate in a Random Moment Time Study and an electronic health records system as directed by the Agency of Human Services to enable Medicaid billing of direct health services and Medicaid administrative claiming activities.</u></p>		
<p><i>Establishes School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund. Effective October 1.</i> Sec. E.307.3 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is added to read: <u>§ 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND</u> <u>(a) The School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund is established as a special fund to receive federal reimbursements for medically related services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program described in section 1904 of this chapter. Monies received by the State pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund, which shall be administered by the Agency of Human Services, and Fund receipts shall be allocated in accordance with this section.</u> <u>(b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall pay 55 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by the medically related services delivered in each supervisory union pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program to the supervisory union based on the Medicaid cost reports, service claims, and Medicaid administrative costs submitted by the supervisory union.</u> <u>(c)(1) Up to 25 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the</u></p>	<p>E.307.3</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>collection, operations, and reporting of school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The Agencies shall enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth the processes by which Medicaid reimbursement monies available for administrative costs and statewide programs are allocated to the Agencies.</u></p> <p><u>(3) The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services shall expend monies from the Fund only as appropriated by the General Assembly.</u></p> <p><u>(d) At the close of each fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to and deposit any balance remaining in the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund into the Education Fund.</u></p>		
<p><i>Amends School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund to lower percentage that can be used for administrative costs. Effective fiscal year 2028.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307.4 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c)(1) Up to 25 <u>20</u> percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the collection, operations, and reporting of school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	E.307.4	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Repeals the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund. Effective October 1.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307.5 16 V.S.A. § 2959a is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 2959a. EDUCATION MEDICAID RECEIPTS <u>MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM; SUPERVISORY UNIONS AND SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS; LEGISLATIVE INTENT</u></p> <p>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont shall maximize its receipt of federal Medicaid dollars available for reimbursement of or <u>for</u> medically related services provided to students who are Medicaid <u>Medicaid</u> eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that:</p> <p>(1) each supervisory union identify special education and other students eligible for Medicaid reimbursement and, to the extent possible, submit Medicaid bills for services reimbursement <u>Medicaid-compliant cost reports and service claims</u>; and</p> <p>(2) the Agencies of Education and of Human Services work with local school districts to maximize reimbursements, including services to non-IEP students.</p>	E.307.5	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>(b) A Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund is established within the Agency of Education. Funds received by the State under this section shall be transferred to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund. The Fund receipts shall be allocated in accordance with this section.</p> <p>(c) At least annually, the Secretary of Education shall pay to each supervisory union submitting Medicaid bills under this section 50 percent of the reimbursed funds generated by the supervisory union's bill, excluding claims generated by State-placed students. Unless the supervisory union has agreed to use the funds to operate a supervisory unionwide program or to distribute the funds in a different manner, upon receipt, the supervisory union shall distribute the funds to its member school districts based on how the funds were generated. The Secretary may withhold payment due a supervisory union pursuant to section 2950 of this title for a Medicaid-eligible State-placed student if the supervisory union has not submitted a Medicaid claim for reimbursable services for that student.</p> <p>(d) If the amount of Medicaid reimbursement funds received for services provided in the prior State fiscal year exceeds \$25,000,000.00, in addition to the 50 percent of the funds paid to supervisory unions submitting Medicaid bills, 25 percent of the amounts in excess of the \$25,000,000.00 shall be paid into an incentive fund created in the Agency of Education. These funds shall be used for an incentive payment to supervisory unions with student participation rates of over 80 percent in accordance with a formula to be developed by the Agency, in consultation with the Vermont Superintendents Association. For any incentive payments made subsequent to fiscal year 2007, the \$25,000,000.00 threshold of this subsection shall be increased by the percentage increase of the most recent New England Economic Project Cumulative Price Index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services from fiscal year 2005 through the fiscal year for which the payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.</p> <p>(e) Supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section to pay for reasonable costs of administering the Medicaid claims process, and school districts or supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section for prevention and intervention programs in prekindergarten through grade 12. The programs shall be designed to facilitate early identification of and intervention with children with disabilities and to ensure all students achieve rigorous and challenging standards approved and adopted by the State Board or locally adopted standards. A supervisory union shall provide annual written justification to the Secretary of Education on how it or its member districts used</p>		

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<p>the funds. Such annual submission shall show how the funds' use is expressly linked to those provisions of the supervisory union's action plan that directly relate to improving student performance. A supervisory union shall include in its annual report the amount of the prior year's Medicaid reimbursement revenues and the use of Medicaid funds consistent with the purposes set forth in this subsection.</p> <p>(f) Up to 30 percent of Medicaid reimbursements received under this section shall be available for administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the collection, processing, and reporting of education Medicaid reimbursements and statewide programs. The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services shall expend monies from the Fund only as appropriated by the General Assembly.</p> <p>(g) Remaining reimbursed funds shall be deposited into the Education Fund.</p>		
<p><i>Directs AHS and AOE to engage with stakeholders in implementing the changes to the Medicaid School-Based Services Program.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307.6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM</p> <p>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall collaborate with the Agency of Education, Vermont Association of School Business Officials, Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators, and school district officials in implementing changes to the Medicaid school-based services program in accordance with this act, including:</p> <p>(1) providing structured opportunities for input during the phased implementation process in order to address challenges and risks in a timely manner and minimize disruptions; and</p> <p>(2) focusing on geographic diversity to ensure that the implementation process is responsive to regional variations in needs and capacity.</p>	E.307.6	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Directs fund transfer from repealed Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307.7 SPECIAL FUND BALANCE TRANSFER</p> <p>(a) Any outstanding fund balances, assets, or liabilities remaining in the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2959a shall be transferred and added to the fund balances, assets, and liabilities of the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1904a prior to the elimination of the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund by Sec. E.307.5 of this act.</p>	E.307.7	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Directs DVHA to review and maximize implementation of Medicaid program family planning codes.</i></p>	E.307.8	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>Sec. E.307.8 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS; FAMILY PLANNING CODE IMPLEMENTATION; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) On or before September 15, 2026, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall review its implementation of family planning codes in the Medicaid program to ensure that all expenditures for family planning services and supplies that are eligible for federal match at a 90 percent federal medical assistance percentage are receiving that enhanced rate.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before October 1, 2026, the Department shall provide a progress report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee on:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the Department’s findings to date from its review;</u></p> <p><u>(2) an estimate of any reductions in General Fund expenditures that can be realized by maximizing usage of the family planning codes to obtain the 90 percent federal match for qualifying services and supplies; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) proposals for ways in which the estimated savings can be reinvested into rate increases for family planning services and supplies as part of the fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment.</u></p>		
<p><i>Repeals AHEC sunset.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.311 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 155, Sec. 7a, as amended by 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec E.311.2 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 7a. SUNSET</p> <p>18 V.S.A. § 33 (medical students; primary care) is repealed on July 1, 2027. [Deleted.]</p>	E.311	<i>No change.</i>
N/A	E.311.1	<p><i>Adds language directing VDH to consider allocating funds for a statewide youth behavioral prevention program utilizing a secure digital platform.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.311.1 DIGITAL YOUTH-BASED BEHAVIORAL PREVENTION PROGRAM</p> <p><u>(a) The Department of Health shall consider allocating \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 to support the implementation of a statewide, population-based youth behavioral prevention program for youth between 13 and 18 years of age. If it allocates funds for this purpose, the Department shall utilize a single, secure digital platform to provide access to evidence-informed behavioral health education resources, moderated peer support services, and confidential virtual sessions with coaches and mental health professionals who are licensed in Vermont. Services on the platform shall be accessible via mobile and web-based formats, available in English and Spanish, provided at no cost to participating youth and families, and not billed to Medicaid or a health insurance plan.</u></p>
<p><i>Consolidates Gov. Rec. sections to align with prior-year construct; increases allocation in (2) to reflect increase in BAA.</i></p>	E.312	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH</p> <p><u>(a) HIV/AIDS funding:</u></p> <p><u>(1) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to a request for proposal process.</u></p> <p><u>(2) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided by this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$340,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont CARES: \$165,000;</u></p> <p><u>(B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$115,000; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$60,000.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by the General Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.</u></p> <p><u>(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the Program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the Program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the Program.</u></p> <p><u>(4) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services on or before September 1, 2026. The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(5) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall not reduce any grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels below those in fiscal year 2026 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p>		
<p><i>Directs VDH to review Opioid Abatement Special Fund appropriations and identify appropriations that could be funded with Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund.</i> Sec. E.313 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS; REVIEW <u>(a) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department of Health shall review all previous appropriations from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund and make recommendations to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding which appropriations could be funded in future years by the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 4812.</u></p>	<p>E.313</p>	<p><i>STRUCK HOUSE SEC. E.313</i> <i>Adds language to Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund statute to clarify school-based prevention programming as an allowable use.</i> Sec. E.313 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is amended to read: § 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND (a) The Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund is established and managed by the Vermont Department of Health in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 <u>for the purpose of funding substance misuse prevention programming, including school-based prevention programming.</u> (b) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902, not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal year, shall be deposited into this fund for substance misuse prevention costs. * * *</p>
<p><i>Adds report on Reach Up ratable reduction.</i> Sec. E.316 REPORT; REACH UP; RATABLE REDUCTION <u>(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare containing an actionable, phased plan that estimates the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program. The plan shall be designed to be phased in over a period not greater than five fiscal years and shall:</u> <u>(1) address the financial implications posed by removing the ratable reduction;</u> <u>(2) address any anticipated changes to the Reach Up caseload as a result of removing the ratable reduction; and</u> <u>(3) identify any federal and State resources that may be utilized to remove the ratable reduction.</u></p>	<p>E.316</p>	<p><i>Replaces language with simplified construct.</i> Sec. E.316 REPORT; REACH UP <u>(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare evaluating the Reach Up Program, including any inefficiencies or gaps in services; an actionable, phased plan that estimates the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program; and any recommendations for legislative action.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.316.1</p>	<p><i>Adds intent language to provide inflationary increases to the Parent Child Center Network.</i> Sec. E.316.1 PARENT CHILD CENTER NETWORK; RATE INCREASES; INTENT</p>

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		<p><u>(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in future fiscal years the Parent Child Center Network be included in inflationary rate increases and that such increases be calculated based on the Parent Child Center Network’s integrated block grant to all 15 parent child centers to provide the eight core services required pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3701(d).</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.316.2</p>	<p>Adds report on H.R.1 work requirement impacts on SNAP and Medicaid beneficiaries. Sec. E.316.2 MEDICAID AND SNAP NEEDS ASSESSMENT <u>(a) On or before December 15, 2026, the Departments for Children and Families and of Vermont Health Access shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding a needs assessment related to the implementation of 2025 federal H.R.1 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid work requirements. The assessment shall include:</u> <u>(1) the number of individuals, and number of impacted households, who have become ineligible for benefits due to federal work requirements policy changes;</u> <u>(2) a summary of the benefit loss;</u> <u>(3) information about individuals who later regained eligibility, if available; and</u> <u>(4) an analysis of the reasons individuals are determined ineligible for benefits.</u> <u>(b) The report shall include information regarding outreach and other efforts undertaken by the Departments for Children and Families and of Vermont Health Access to support impacted households and community partners in assisting households to maintain benefits, as well as information on SNAP error rates and recommendations for additional actions.</u> <u>(c) In calendar years 2027 and 2028, the Departments for Children and Families and of Vermont Health Access shall, on a quarterly basis, provide an update to the report required by this section to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare while the General Assembly is in session and to the Joint Fiscal Committee while the General Assembly is not in session.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.316.3</p>	<p>Adds language to address base funding included in both bodies’ budgets for H.938. Sec. E.316.3 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE BASE FUNDING <u>(a) In addition to the \$21,183,809 one-time General Fund appropriation made to the Department for Children and Families in Sec. B.1100(c)(1) of this act for the</u></p>

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		<p><u>implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, including shelter development and operation, emergency housing in hotels and motels, grants to municipalities, emergency cold weather shelters, and supportive services, and related case management, staffing, grants, and contracts, \$61,450,344 of the appropriations made in Secs. B.316, B.321, and B.325 of this act shall be base funding to support those purposes.</u> <u>(b) Any spending authority referenced in subsection (a) of this section that remains at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally appropriated.</u></p>
<p><i>Directs allocation of funds for supervised visitation programs.</i> Sec. E.317 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS <u>(a)(1) \$137,500 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act, the \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(c)(5) of this act, and \$100,000 of the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.319 of this act shall be distributed by the Department for Children and Families to supervised visitation programs as follows:</u> <u>(A) \$199,300 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation sites;</u> <u>(B) \$118,200 for start-up funding for additional sites in counties where programs do not currently exist to ensure the programs are operational on or before January 1, 2027; and</u> <u>(C) \$50,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence for a statewide supervised visitation coordinator who shall initiate a needs assessment to assist in the development of a sustainable coordinated system with equitable access to supervised visitation statewide.</u> <u>(2) The Department shall work with the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to develop a funding formula for supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop two new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin planning for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each to become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.</u></p>	<p>E.317</p>	<p><i>Changes allocation of appropriations referenced in (a) to direct entirety to the six existing supervised visitation sites.</i> Sec. E.317 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS <u>(a)(1) \$137,500 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act, the \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(c)(5) of this act, and \$100,000 of the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.319 of this act shall be distributed by the Department for Children and Families to supervised visitation programs as follows:</u> <u>(A) \$367,500 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation sites and the remainder shall be used for start-up funding for additional sites in counties where programs do not currently exist to ensure the programs are operational on or before January 1, 2027.</u> <u>(2) The Department shall work with the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to develop a funding formula for supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop two new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin planning for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each to become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds report from AHS departments (DAIL in consultation with VDH, DMH) on community engagement process for DA's and SSA's.</i> Sec. E.329 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES; ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; REPORT <u>(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, in collaboration with the Departments of Health and of Mental Health and the Office of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services, shall submit a plan to the House Committees on Health Care, on Human Services, and on</u></p>	<p>E.329</p>	<p><i>Replaces construct for report from AHS departments (DAIL in consultation with VDH, DMH) on community engagement process for DA's and SSA's.</i> Sec. E.329 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES; ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; REPORT <u>(a) Between July 1, 2026, and December 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the designated and specialized service agency system. The stakeholder group shall include individuals with lived experience of receiving services from a designated or specialized service agency,</u></p>

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<p><u>Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations for developing and conducting a data-informed, patient-focused, community-inclusive engagement process for Vermont’s designated and specialized service agencies that will include:</u></p> <p><u>(1) hearing from and sharing data, information, trends, and insights with communities about the current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies;</u></p> <p><u>(2) providing opportunities for meaningful participation in all stages of the engagement process by current, former, and prospective clients of designated and specialized service agencies; health care professionals and health care providers, including employees of designated and specialized service agencies; and Vermonters who are diverse with respect to race, income, age, and disability status;</u></p> <p><u>(3) providing the data, information, and analysis necessary to support the engagement process, including information and trends relating to the current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies and the workforce challenges they encounter; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) establishing ways to assess the impact of any changes to the designated and specialized service agencies on providers, including on workforce recruitment and retention.</u></p> <p><u>(b) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living may include a request for an appropriation to hire one or more consultants to support the engagement process recommended pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.</u></p>		<p><u>members of relevant standing committees, commissioners from relevant Agency of Human Services departments or their designees, and representatives of Vermont Care Partners. The stakeholder group shall:</u></p> <p><u>(1) conduct a comprehensive analysis of the designated and specialized service agency system, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the scope of State-funded and State-required designated and specialized agency services;</u></p> <p><u>(B) applicable statutory, contractual, and administrative requirements;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the extent to which evolving community needs, system reforms, and State and federal mandates have expanded the responsibilities of designated and specialized service agencies over time;</u></p> <p><u>(D) system sustainability;</u></p> <p><u>(E) State and system workforce capacity;</u></p> <p><u>(F) sufficiency of State financial resources; and</u></p> <p><u>(G) administrative burden on the State and designated and specialized service agencies;</u></p> <p><u>(2) identify and define essential services and establish alignment between State and federal requirements, community need, and available resources, and develop a transparent process for adding or expanding State or federally required responsibilities that considers prior agreements on funding, staffing, operational feasibility, and service delivery impact prior to the adoption or enforcement of these responsibilities; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) submit findings and recommendations to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on or before January 1, 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2028, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, in consultation with the Departments of Health and of Mental Health and the Office of Health Care Reform in the Agency of Human Services, shall submit a plan that conforms with the Statewide Health Care Delivery Strategic Plan developed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9403 to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare for developing and conducting a data-informed, patient-focused, community-inclusive engagement process for Vermont’s designated and specialized service agencies that shall include:</u></p>

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		<p><u>(1) hearing from and sharing data, information, trends, and insights with communities about the current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies;</u></p> <p><u>(2) providing opportunities for meaningful participation in all stages of the engagement process by current, former, and prospective clients of the designated and specialized service agencies and health care providers, including employees of designated and specialized service agencies, including participation by individuals who reflect Vermont’s diversity with regard to race, income, age, and disability status;</u></p> <p><u>(3) providing the data, information, and analysis necessary to support the engagement process, including information and trends relating to the current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies and the workforce challenges encountered by the agencies; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) establishing mechanisms to assess the impact of any changes on the designated and specialized service agencies, including on workforce recruitment and retention initiatives.</u></p> <p><u>(c) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living may include a request for an appropriation to hire one or more consultants to support the engagement process recommended pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.</u></p>
<p><i>Directs DAIL to include different Choices for Care services as separate line items in its fiscal year 2028 budget.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.329.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET</p> <p><u>(a) For the fiscal year 2028 budget, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living shall present as separate line items for the Choices for Care Program home- and community-based services and skilled nursing facility services.</u></p>	<p>E.329.1</p>	<p><i>Changes “line items” to “appropriations” per technical letter.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.329.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET</p> <p><u>(a) For the fiscal year 2028 budget, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living shall present as separate appropriations in the Choices for Care Program home- and community-based services and skilled nursing facility services.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds DAIL Housing Coordinator pool position. Language in effective dates section making position creation contingent on General Fund revenue downgrade of less than 1% or JFC approved rescission plan that doesn’t rescind funds.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.329.2 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING; POSITION POOL; FUNDING</p> <p><u>(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.329 of this act, \$130,000 General Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Disabilities Housing Coordinator position to be taken from the position pool.</u></p>	<p>E.329.2</p>	<p><i>No change</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.332</p>	<p><i>Adds legislative intent language relating to future funding of HireAbility Vermont (General Fund rather than Opioid Abatement Special Fund in the future).</i></p>

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		<p>Sec. E.332 LEGISLATIVE INTENT; HIREABILITY <u>(a) In fiscal year 2027, the General Assembly shall fund HireAbility Vermont through the Opioid Abatement Special Fund. However, in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter, the General Assembly intends to fund HireAbility Vermont using General Fund monies.</u></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.338.1</p>	<p>Directs \$85K of appropriation in Sec. B.338 to be for a grant to Jenna’s Promise for reentry services (funds preexisting). Sec. E.338.1 REENTRY SERVICES; GRANT <u>(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.338 of this act, \$85,000 General Fund shall be for a grant to Jenna’s Promise to support reentry services.</u></p>
<p>Adds AOE budget presentation requirements. Sec. E.500 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; BUDGET PRESENTATIONS <u>(a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment and fiscal year 2028 budget presentations, the Agency of Education shall include:</u> <u>(1) a comprehensive account of fiscal year 2027 appropriations, including information on amounts expended or obligated at the time of the presentation’s submission;</u> <u>(2) a comprehensive account of anticipated fiscal year 2027 carryforward, including information on the reasons for expenditures being lower than anticipated;</u> <u>(3) information on all third-party contract agreements the Agency entered into in fiscal year 2027;</u> <u>(4) organizational charts reflecting the current structure of the Agency and each division within the Agency;</u> <u>(5) written explanation of any changes to the Agency’s organizational structure and personnel;</u> <u>(6) a comprehensive account of any vacancies within the Agency, including information on the duration of each position vacancy and any recommendations for the elimination or redesignation of positions; and</u> <u>(7) information on any changes to federal funding, rules, or policy that may affect the Agency and any action the Agency has taken or may take to address those changes.</u></p>	<p>E.500</p>	<p>No change.</p>
<p>Establishes Adult Education Funding formula in statute. Effective on passage. Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4021 is added to read: <u>§ 4021. ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING</u> <u>(a) Definitions. As used in this section:</u> <u>(1) “Local adult education and literacy provider” has the same meaning as in section 942 of this title.</u></p>	<p>E.504.2</p>	<p>No change.</p>

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<p><u>(2) “Statewide AEL student count” means the average annual number of students statewide who complete the diagnostic portions of the adult education and secondary credential program over the previous two completed fiscal years.</u></p> <p><u>(3) “Statewide AEL student-hours” means the average annual number of student-hours of instruction provided statewide for adult education and literacy activities over the previous two completed fiscal years.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount multiplied by the statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall appropriate 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the funds from the General Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Payment allocations.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Beginning in fiscal year 2029, the Secretary shall determine payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-county basis according to this subdivision.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.</u></p> <p><u>(B) The Secretary shall then allocate the remaining funds among the counties according to each county’s share of the statewide AEL student count.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to each local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program the amount determined pursuant to this section for each county in which the local adult education and literacy provider provides the county’s adult education and secondary credential program.</u></p> <p><u>(3) For each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall determine payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-county basis according to this subdivision.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.</u></p> <p><u>(B) The Secretary shall then allocate among the counties 85 percent of the remaining funds according to each county’s share of the statewide AEL student count and 15 percent of the remaining funds according to each county’s share of the statewide AEL student-hours.</u></p>		
<p><i>Repeals Adult Education funding transition language. Effective on passage.</i> Sec. E.504.3 REPEAL <u>16 V.S.A. § 4021(c)(3) (adult education funding transition language) is repealed on July 1, 2028.</u></p>	E.504.3	<i>No change.</i>

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<p><i>Repeals Adult Education funding language. Effective on passage.</i> Sec. E.504.4 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f) is amended to read: (f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of the adult education and secondary credential program, based on an average of the previous two completed fiscal years. Forty percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the General Fund. [Repealed.]</p>	<p>E.504.4</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Adds conforming language to Adult Education funding statute. Contingently effective on implementation of Act 73 contingencies.</i> Sec. E.504.5 16 V.S.A. § 4021(b) is amended to read: (b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an amount equal to 26 percent of the categorical <u>base education</u> amount multiplied by the statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall appropriate 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the funds from the General Fund.</p>	<p>E.504.5</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Updates numbers.</i> Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS (a) Of the \$4,071,711 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,824,955 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,246,756 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</p>	<p>E.514.1</p>	<p><i>Updates numbers.</i> Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS (a) <u>Of the \$4,171,485 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,872,185 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,299,300 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</u></p>
<p><i>Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.515</p>	<p><i>Technical correction to numbers.</i> Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL BENEFITS (a) <u>In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan shall be \$99,834,595, of which \$90,834,595 shall be the State's contribution and \$9,000,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944d. Of the annual contribution, \$30,987,156 is the "normal contribution," and \$68,847,439 is the "accrued liability contribution."</u></p>

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<p><i>Increases amount VSAC may use for student aspirational partnerships with high schools.</i> Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION <u>(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:</u> <u>(1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the trust fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845;</u> <u>(2) not more than \$400,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more high schools; and</u> <u>(3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 14.</u> <u>(b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that remain after accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent shall be used for direct student aid.</u> <u>(c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant requirements.</u></p>	<p>E.605</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Removes Gov. Rec. policy change re: deposit of excess estate tax revenue.</i> Sec. E.606 16 V.S.A. § 2885 is amended to read: § 2885. VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND <u>(a) A Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer to comprise the following:</u> <u>(1) appropriations transfers made by the General Assembly;</u></p>	<p>E.606</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.700</p>	<p><i>Allows for “up to” 8% distribution, so long as this doesn’t cause the Fund balance to go below the prior-year Fund balance.</i> Sec. E.700 3 V.S.A. § 2807 is amended to read: § 2807. LANDS AND FACILITIES TRUST FUND <u>(a) Legislative purpose. The General Assembly finds and determines:</u></p>

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		<p>(1) The public lands, facilities, and recreational assets of Vermont represent both a priceless inheritance from the past and an enduring legacy for future generations.</p> <p>(2) The lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation <u>Agency of Natural Resources</u> are held as public assets for the citizens of Vermont, and require proper management to ensure that these natural resources and facilities remain viable and available for this and all future generations.</p> <p>(b) Definitions. As used in this section:</p> <p>(1) “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or the Commissioner’s designee <u>“Secretary” means the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary’s designee.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>“Eligible activity” means any activity undertaken, initiated, or supported by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Agency of Natural Resources, for State lands under the ownership of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, that provides for the management of State lands, facilities, and recreational assets, including administrative support.</u> “Eligible activity” includes <u>but is not limited to:</u> repair and maintenance of State parks; contract surveys and mapping; maintenance of State lands, including boundaries, roads, trails, and facilities; contract inventories of State land natural resources; repair of State-owned dams; repair, replacement, and maintenance of conservation camps; and <u>timber management in accordance with U.S.D.A. silvicultural guidelines; project management; contract development and administration; and business office support.</u> “Eligible activity” does not include the acquisition of land.</p> <p>(3) “Fund” means the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund.</p> <p>(c) Creation and use of Fund.</p> <p>(1) There is established in the State Treasury an income-producing fund to be known as the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund, to be managed by the State Treasurer, and from which expenditures shall be made by the Commissioner <u>Secretary</u> in accordance with appropriations by the General Assembly for the benefit of lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the Agency. Payments from the Fund may be made to meet costs for eligible activities that are not covered in operating budgets for management of Agency lands, facilities, and recreational assets.</p> <p>(2) The Fund shall be administered as part of the trust investment account established in 32 V.S.A. § 434. After the first three years of the Fund’s existence, on July 1 of each year, the Treasurer shall <u>may</u> distribute from the Fund five <u>up to eight</u> percent of the moving average of the market value of the Fund over the prior 12 quarters with the</p>

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		<p>approval of the House and Senate, <u>provided that the Fund balance does not go below the prior fiscal year's ending fund balance.</u> Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the first three years of the Fund's existence, expenditures for immediate needs, not to exceed five percent of the principal, may be authorized by the Commissioner <u>Secretary</u>, provided that such expenditures are consistent with the priorities established by the Commissioner <u>Secretary</u>, pursuant to this section, and shall be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.</p> <p>(3) Annual expenditures from the Fund shall be limited to projects approved by the Commissioner and shall be in accordance with appropriations of the General Assembly. Project priorities shall be determined in accordance with criteria established by the Commissioner and shall include consideration of at least the following: The Secretary may make expenditures from the Fund for eligible projects with a consideration towards cost; availability of funds; condition of the resource, facility, or infrastructure; level of use; level of public need; the stated intent of the donor, when donated property is involved; and the ability to protect or enhance a public investment or public resource.</p> <p>(4) There shall be deposited in the Fund monies received by the Agency that are related to management <u>and administrative support</u> of Agency lands, facilities, and recreational assets and that are received from a variety of public and private sources pertinent to the purposes of the Fund, including donations; grants; special use permits; federal funds specifically designated for uses compatible with the intent of the fund; timber sale receipts received after June 30, 2001, from State forestland and all Agency lands otherwise not restricted; and such sums as may be appropriated <u>transferred</u> to the Fund by the General Assembly. The Agency may solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent with the stated intent of the donor and deposited with the State Treasurer. Income earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund, and all balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Adds language to expand allowable use of Volkswagen litigation funds.</i> Sec. E.700.1 2018 (Special Session) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section C.110 is amended to read: Sec. C.110 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VERMONT CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION (b) Recommendations of the Commission and actions taken on them include: * * *</p>	<p>E.700.1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>(5) Electrify the transportation system: The direction concerning the use of Environmental Mitigation Trust monies resulting from the Volkswagen litigation set forth in Sec. E.700 of this act is designed to increase electrification of transportation.</p>		
<p>Adds language to expand allowable use of Volkswagen litigation funds. Sec. E.700.2 2018 (Special Session) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section E.700 is amended to read: Sec. E.700 VOLKSWAGEN LITIGATION; ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES (a) As used in this section: (1) “Appendix D-2” means Appendix D-2 to the Environmental Mitigation Trust, entitled “Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action Expenditures.” (2) “Environmental Mitigation Trust” or “Trust” means the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries filed on October 2, 2017 in In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, 3:16-CV-00295-CRB, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (N.D. Cal.). (3) “Mobile source” means any vehicle, freight switcher, ferry, tug, vessel, or equipment that qualifies under an eligible mitigation action listed in Appendix D-2. (b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall administer Environmental Mitigation Trust monies pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 554(15), and, in administering the Trust monies appropriated under Sec. B.710 of this act, shall: (1) Dedicate at least 15 percent of those monies for the purchase of light duty electric supply equipment and associated allowable administrative costs in accordance with Appendix D-2. (2) Dedicate the remainder of the monies to the replacement of mobile sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric mobile sources or the repowering of mobile sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric engines, or both, and associated allowable administrative costs. The expenditures shall be in accordance with the requirements of Appendix D-2.</p>	<p>E.700.2</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p>Creates two Environmental Engineers at ANR through position pool. Sec. E.700.3 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; POSITION POOL; FUNDING (a) <u>Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.700 of this act, \$300,000 General Fund shall be for two permanent, classified positions to be taken from the position pool: two Environmental Engineers.</u></p>	<p>E.700.3</p>	<p><i>Struck. Technical letter recommended moving section to Sec. E.711; Senate moved section, but positions created in Sec. E.711 of Senate bill are not the same as positions created in Sec. E.700.3 of House bill.</i></p>

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N/A	E.702	<p><i>Directs the Department of Fish and Wildlife to present, as part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, on the cost and schedule of life-cycle replacement for radio equipment and firearms and include recommendations for fund source or new special fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.702 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUNDING; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET PRESENTATION</p> <p><u>(a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall include information on the cost and schedule of radio equipment and firearm life cycle replacement and any recommendations for future funding, including the establishment of a designated special fund for that purpose.</u></p>
N/A	E.711	<p><i>Creates two Environmental Analysts at ANR through position pool (S.218 and the Flood Safety Act). Technical letter recommended moving section to Sec. E.700.3 to Sec. E.711; Senate moved section, but positions created in Sec. E.711 of Senate bill are not the same as positions created in Sec. E.700.3 of House bill. Language in effective dates section making position creation contingent on General Fund revenue downgrade of less than 1% or JFC approved rescission plan that doesn't rescind funds.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.711 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; POSITION POOL; FUNDING</p> <p><u>(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.711 of this act, \$300,000 General Fund shall be for two permanent, classified positions to be taken from the position pool: two Environmental Analysts.</u></p>
N/A	E.915	<p><i>Directs excess LOT revenue to the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.915 32 V.S.A. § 3709 is amended to read: § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND</p> <p><u>(a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local option tax revenues paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138. This Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title, all interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under chapter 123, subchapters 4 and 4C of this title chapter, and for any additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities, and as provided</u></p>

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		<p><u>in subsection (c) of this section.</u> The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(c) If the local option tax revenues deposited in the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138 in any State fiscal year exceed the full amount of all payments made under subchapters 4 and 4C of this chapter plus any additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities and any amounts appropriated from the PILOT Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for expenses related to grand list and appraisal assistance, three-fourths of the excess amount shall be transferred to the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund established pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306b.</u></p>
<p><i>N/A</i></p>	<p>E.915.1</p>	<p><i>Establishes the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund.</i> Sec. E.915.1 19 V.S.A. § 306b is added to read: <u>§ 306b. LOCAL OPTION MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL FUND</u></p> <p><u>(a) The Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund is established in the Agency of Transportation and shall be managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The purpose of the Fund is to provide additional State aid for town highways pursuant to the provisions of section 306 of this chapter.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Fund shall consist of:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(1) transfers from the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709(c);</u> <u>(2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Fund; and</u> <u>(3) any amounts transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly.</u> <p><u>(c)(1) All interest earned on Fund balances shall be credited to the Fund.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(2) The Secretary may seek and accept gifts, donations, and grants from any source, public or private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.</u> <u>(3) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall anticipate receipts to the Fund and shall issue warrants based on the anticipated amounts.</u> <p><u>(4)(A) Monies in the Fund shall be used solely to provide State aid to municipalities pursuant to subsections 306(a), (e), and (h) of this chapter and for any administrative costs incurred in administering the Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections 306(a), (e), and (h) of this chapter to the contrary, the aggregate amount of monies appropriated from the Fund pursuant to those subsections in any given State fiscal year shall not exceed 95 percent of the anticipated receipts to the Fund for that fiscal year.</u></p>

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<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.915.2</p>	<p>Adds references to the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund to State aid for town highways statute.</p> <p>Sec. E.915.2 19 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 306. APPROPRIATION; STATE AID FOR TOWN HIGHWAYS</p> <p>(a) General State aid to town highways.</p> <p>(1) An annual appropriation to class 1, 2, and 3 town highways shall be made. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year’s appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year’s appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) The funds appropriated shall be distributed to towns as follows:</p> <p>(A) Six percent of the State’s annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 1 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town’s percentage of class 1 town highways of the total class 1 town highway mileage in the State.</p> <p>(B) Forty-four percent of the State’s annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 2 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town’s percentage of class 2 town highways of the total class 2 town highway mileage in the State.</p> <p>(C) Fifty percent of the State’s annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 3 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town’s percentage of class 3 town highways of the total class 3 town highway mileage in the State.</p> <p>(D) Monies apportioned under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall be distributed to each town in quarterly payments beginning July 15 in each year.</p> <p>(E) Each town shall use the monies apportioned to it solely for town highway construction, improvement, and maintenance purposes or as the nonfederal share for public transit assistance. These funds may also be used for the establishment and maintenance of bicycle routes and sidewalks. The members of the selectboard shall be personally liable to the State, in a civil action brought by the Attorney General, for making any unauthorized expenditures from money apportioned to the town under this section.</p> <p><u>(4)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision</u></p>

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		<p><u>306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be apportioned, distributed, and used in the same manner as provided pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection (a).</u></p> <p><u>(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (4) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) or be subject to the annual inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection (a).</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(e) State aid for town highway structures.</p> <p>(1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities for maintenance (, including actions to extend life expectancy), and for construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure, such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(5) Funds received as grants for State aid for town highway structures may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.</p> <p><u>(6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (e), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this subsection (e).</u></p> <p><u>(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (e) or be subject to the annual inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection (e).</u></p>

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		<p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program.</p> <p>(1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2 town highways. Municipalities that have no State highways or class 1 town highways within their borders may use the grants for such activities with respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the Agency has previously committed to completing those projects.</p> <p>(5) Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.</p> <p><u>(6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (h), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this subsection (h).</u></p> <p><u>(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (h) or be subject to the annual inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection (h).</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Updates Gov. Rec. Transportation Fund interest retention language. Consensus language. Effective fiscal year 2028.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.923 19 V.S.A. § 11 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 11. TRANSPORTATION FUND</p> <p>The Transportation Fund shall comprise the following:</p>	<p>E.923</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(8) other miscellaneous sources, including the sale of maps, plans, and reports; fees collected by the Travel Information Council; leases for property at State-owned airports and railroads; proceeds from the sale of State surplus property under the provisions of 29 V.S.A. §§ 1556 and 1557; and proceeds from the sale of recycled materials; and</p> <p>(9) <u>all interest earned in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308a(e) and interest earned upon the nondedicated component of the Transportation Fund.</u></p>		
<p><i>Pay Act collective bargaining agreement language.</i> Sec. F.100 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028</p> <p><u>(a) Fiscal year 2027. This act fully funds the first year of the collective bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees' Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The collective bargaining agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2027 an average 1.9 percent step increase and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on July 12, 2026, and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on January 10, 2027, for a total of a 5.9 percent increase.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Fiscal year 2028. This act fully funds the second year of the collective bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees' Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. The collective bargaining agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2028 an average 1.9 percent step increase and a 3.0 percent across-the-board increase for a total of a 4.9 percent increase.</u></p>	F.100	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Pay Act non-statutory exempt employee language for Judiciary, General Assembly, and Executive Branch.</i> Sec. F.101 EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028</p> <p><u>(a) Fiscal year 2027. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may extend the fiscal year 2027 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the appropriations provided to each branch.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Fiscal year 2028. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may extend the fiscal year 2028 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the appropriations provided to each branch.</u></p>	F.101	<i>No change.</i>

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<p><i>Pay Act non-statutory exempt department head, deputy, and executive assistant language.</i> Sec. F.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND SPECIAL SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS</p> <p>(a) Fiscal year 2027. For purposes of determining annual salary adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b) and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2027, 5.9 percent.</p> <p>(b) Fiscal year 2028. For purposes of determining annual salary adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b) and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2028, 4.9 percent.</p>	<p>F.102</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>																																				
<p><i>Pay Act statutory officers language.</i> Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read: § 1003. STATE OFFICERS</p> <p>(a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an annual salary as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="174 885 1075 1461"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 14,</u> <u>2024</u></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 13,</u> <u>2025</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(1) Governor</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$222,371</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$234,379</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2) Lieutenant Governor</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$94,392</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$99,489</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(3) Secretary of State</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$141,003</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$148,617</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(4) State Treasurer</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$141,003</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$148,617</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(5) Auditor of Accounts</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$141,003</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$148,617</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(6) Attorney General</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$168,837</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$177,954</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 12,</u> <u>2026</u></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>January 10,</u> <u>2027</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 11,</u> <u>2027</u></td> </tr> </table>		<u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 14,</u> <u>2024</u>		<u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 13,</u> <u>2025</u>	(1) Governor	\$222,371		\$234,379	(2) Lieutenant Governor	\$94,392		\$99,489	(3) Secretary of State	\$141,003		\$148,617	(4) State Treasurer	\$141,003		\$148,617	(5) Auditor of Accounts	\$141,003		\$148,617	(6) Attorney General	\$168,837		\$177,954		<u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 12,</u> <u>2026</u>		<u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>January 10,</u> <u>2027</u>				<u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 11,</u> <u>2027</u>	<p>F.103</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
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<p>(1) <u>Governor</u> <u>\$243,520</u> <u>\$248,390</u> <u>\$260,561</u> (2) <u>Lieutenant Governor</u> <u>\$103,369</u> <u>\$105,436</u> <u>\$110,602</u> (3) <u>Secretary of State</u> <u>\$154,413</u> <u>\$157,501</u> <u>\$165,219</u> (4) <u>State Treasurer</u> <u>\$154,413</u> <u>\$157,501</u> <u>\$165,219</u> (5) <u>Auditor of Accounts</u> <u>\$154,413</u> <u>\$157,501</u> <u>\$165,219</u> (6) <u>Attorney General</u> <u>\$184,894</u> <u>\$188,592</u> <u>\$197,833</u></p> <p>(b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect.</p> <p>(1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Base Salary as of July 14, 2024</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Base Salary as of July 13, 2025</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(A) Administration</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$134,466</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$141,727</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(B) Agriculture, Food and Markets</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$134,466</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$141,727</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(C) Financial Regulation</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$125,706</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$132,494</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(D) Buildings and General Services</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$125,706</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$132,494</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Base Salary as of July 14, 2024	Base Salary as of July 13, 2025	(A) Administration	\$134,466	\$141,727	(B) Agriculture, Food and Markets	\$134,466	\$141,727	(C) Financial Regulation	\$125,706	\$132,494	(D) Buildings and General Services	\$125,706	\$132,494		
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(E) Children and Families		
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(F) Commerce and Community Development		
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(G) Corrections		
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(I) Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living		
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(J) Economic Development		
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(K) Education		
\$134,466		
(L) Environmental Conservation		
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\$125,706		
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(Z) Military		\$125,706	\$132,494	
(AA) Motor Vehicles		\$114,031	\$120,189	
(BB) Natural Resources		\$134,466	\$141,727	
(CC) Land Use Review Board Chair		\$114,031	\$120,189	
(DD) Public Safety		\$125,706	\$132,494	
(EE) Public Service		\$125,706	\$132,494	
(FF) Taxes		\$125,706	\$132,494	
(GG) Tourism and Marketing		\$114,031	\$120,189	
(HH) Transportation		\$134,466	\$141,727	
(I) Vermont Health Access		\$125,706	\$132,494	
(J) Veterans' Home		\$125,706	\$132,494	
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<u>(A) Administration</u>		<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(B) Agriculture, Food and Markets</u>		<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(C) Financial Regulation</u>		<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
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<u>Development</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>		
<u>(G) Corrections</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(H) Defender</u>					
<u>General</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(I) Disabilities,</u>					
<u>Aging, and</u>					
<u>Independent</u>					
<u>Living</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(J) Economic</u>					
<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>		
<u>(K) Education</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>		
<u>(L) Environmental</u>					
<u>Conservation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(M) Finance and</u>					
<u>Management</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(N) Fish and</u>					
<u>Wildlife</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>		
<u>(O) Forests, Parks</u>					
<u>and Recreation</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>		
<u>(P) Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
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<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>		
<u>(R) Human</u>					
<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>		
<u>(S) Human Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>		
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<p><i>Pay Act Judicial officers language.</i> Sec. F.104 32 V.S.A. § 1003(c) is amended to read: (c) The officers of the Judicial Branch named in this subsection shall be entitled to annual salaries as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Annual Salary as of July 14,</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Annual Salary as of July 13,</td> </tr> </table>	Annual Salary as of July 14,	Annual Salary as of July 13,	F.104	<i>No change.</i>
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	2024	2025		
(1) Chief Justice of Supreme Court	\$214,024	\$225,581		
(2) Each Associate Justice	\$204,264	\$215,294		
(3) Chief Superior Judge	\$204,264	\$215,294		
(4) Each Superior Judge	\$194,185	\$204,671		
(5) [Repealed.]				
(6) Each Magistrate	\$146,413	\$154,319		
(7) Each Judicial Bureau hearing officer	\$146,413	\$154,319		
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<u>(1) Chief Justice of Supreme Court</u>	<u>\$234,379</u>	<u>\$239,067</u>	<u>\$250,781</u>	
<u>(2) Each Associate Justice</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>	
<u>(3) Chief Superior Judge</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>	
<u>(4) Each Superior Judge</u>	<u>\$212,653</u>	<u>\$216,906</u>	<u>\$227,534</u>	
<u>(5) [Repealed.]</u>				
<u>(6) Each Magistrate</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>	
<u>(7) Each Judicial Bureau hearing officer</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>	
Pay Act assistant judge language.			F.105	No change.

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<p>Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES</p> <p>(a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of \$224.47 a day as of July 14, 2024 and \$236.59 a day as of July 13, 2025 <u>\$245.82 a day as of July 12, 2026, \$250.74 a day as of January 10, 2027, and \$263.03 a day as of July 11, 2027,</u> for time spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.</p> <p>(2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (2).</p> <p>(B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.</p> <p>(b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session or during a court recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.</p>																										
<p><i>Pay Act probate judge language.</i></p> <p>Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1142. PROBATE JUDGES</p> <p>(a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of all fees or other compensation:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="188 1023 1075 1461"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Annual Salary as of July 14, 2024</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Annual Salary as of July 13, 2025</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(1) Addison</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$76,555</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$80,689</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(2) Bennington</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$96,776</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$102,002</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(3) Caledonia</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$67,894</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$71,557</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(4) Chittenden</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$161,506</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$170,227</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(5) Essex</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$18,966</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$19,990</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(6) Franklin</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$76,555</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$80,689</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(7) Grand Isle</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$18,966</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$19,990</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Annual Salary as of July 14, 2024	Annual Salary as of July 13, 2025	(1) Addison	\$76,555	\$80,689	(2) Bennington	\$96,776	\$102,002	(3) Caledonia	\$67,894	\$71,557	(4) Chittenden	\$161,506	\$170,227	(5) Essex	\$18,966	\$19,990	(6) Franklin	\$76,555	\$80,689	(7) Grand Isle	\$18,966	\$19,990	F.106	<i>No change.</i>
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<p>(b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual and necessary expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District shall be for full-time service.</p> <p>(c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually, shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to exempt employees of the Judicial Department.</p>		
<p><i>Pay Act sheriff language.</i> Sec. F.107 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read: § 1182. SHERIFFS</p>	<p>F.107</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>(14) Windsor County \$140,691 \$148,288</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Annual</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Annual</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>Salary</u> <u>as of</u> <u>as of</u> <u>as of</u> <u>July 12,</u> <u>January 10,</u> <u>July 11,</u> <u>2026</u> <u>2027</u> <u>2027</u></p> <p>(1) Addison County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(2) Bennington County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(3) Caledonia County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(4) Chittenden County \$161,076 \$164,298 \$172,349</p> <p>(5) Essex County \$115,557 \$117,868 \$123,644</p> <p>(6) Franklin County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(7) Grand Isle County \$115,557 \$117,868 \$123,644</p> <p>(8) Lamoille County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(9) Orange County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(10) Orleans County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(11) Rutland County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(12) Washington County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(13) Windham County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(14) Windsor County \$154,071 \$157,152 \$164,852</p> <p>(b) In settlement of their accounts, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall allow the State's Attorneys the expense of printing briefs in cases in which the State's Attorney has represented the State and their necessary and actual expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State employees.</p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>F.108.1</p>	<p><i>Reduces compensation of State's Attorneys without a law license or authorization to practice law in the State of Vermont by 30%. Effective upon passage.</i></p> <p>Sec. F.108.1 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">§ 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>(c) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by 30 percent for any State's Attorney who is not licensed or authorized to practice law in the State pursuant to the administrative orders issued by the Vermont Supreme Court.</u></p>
<p><i>Pay Act appropriations language.</i></p>	<p>F.109</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>Sec. F.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028</p> <p><u>(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, 2026, through June 30, 2028; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; and salary increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Fiscal year 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund. The amount of \$23,918,820.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess receipts to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,184,607.00 from a special fund, federal funds, and other sources.</u></p> <p><u>(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board 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.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Fiscal year 2028.</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund. The amount of \$24,974,632.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public Safety to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess receipts to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$28,362,343.00 from a special fund, federal funds, and other sources.</u></p> <p><u>(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board 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.</u></p> <p><u>(3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).</u></p> <p><u>(b) Judicial Branch.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the provisions of the Judiciary’s collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Fiscal year 2027. The first year of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees’ Association for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$3,800,867.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of \$277,316.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Fiscal year 2028. The second year of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees’ Association for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$2,466,396.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of \$179,952.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Legislative Branch.</u></p> <p><u>(1) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$914,634.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(2) For the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, the General Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$778,939.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.</u></p>		
<p><i>Updates effective dates to include C sections and E.504.2, E.504.3, and E.504.5 as effective on passage. Makes Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 effective October 1. Makes Secs. E.307.4 and E.923 effective fiscal year 2028. Makes E.504.5 effective contingent on implementation of Act 73 contingencies.</i></p> <p>Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p><u>(a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105, E.504.2, E.504.3, and E.504.4 shall take effect on passage.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 shall take effect on October 1, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Secs. E.307.4 and E.923 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Sec. E.504.5 (16 V.S.A. § 4021(b)) shall take effect upon the occurrence of the contingencies set forth in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 70(f).</u></p> <p><u>(e) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.</u></p>	<p>G.100</p>	<p><i>Updates effective dates to include newly added C sections. Adds F.108.1 as effective on passage. Adds E.111.1 and E.111.2 as effective for fiscal year 2028. Adds language to make position creation sections effective contingent on either a July General Fund forecast that is less than 1% lower than the January General Fund forecast used to build the budget or a July General Fund forecast that does trigger a rescission plan but the plan JFC approves does not rescind funding for the positions.</i></p> <p>Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p><u>(a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106, C.107, C.108, C.109, C.110, C.111, C.112, C.113, E.504.2, E.504.3, E.504.4, and F.108.1 shall take effect on passage.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 shall take effect on October 1, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Secs. E.111.1, E.111.2, E.307.4, and E.923 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Sec. E.504.5 (16 V.S.A. § 4021(b)) shall take effect upon the occurrence of the contingencies set forth in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 70(f).</u></p> <p><u>(e) Secs. E.100, E.111, E.236, E.306.2, E.329.2, and E.711 shall take effect on August 15, 2026, provided that:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund approved by the Emergency Board at its July 2026 meeting has not been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year’s appropriations; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund approved by the Emergency Board at its July 2026 meeting has been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year’s appropriations and the Joint Fiscal Committee approves a rescission plan at its July 2026 meeting that does not rescind the funding for the establishment of the positions in Secs. E.100, E.111, E.236, E.306.2, E.329.2, and E.711. Any position in Secs. E.100, E.111, E.236, E.306.2, E.329.2, and E.711 for which funding has been rescinded shall not be established.</u></p> <p><u>(f) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.</u></p>