

1 Sec. C.104 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.127.2 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.127.2 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF
3 APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF
4 ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) “Unduplicated function total” means the individual function totals
7 set forth in this act excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental
8 Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the
9 determination of an unduplicated function total shall not include Education
10 Funds.

11 (2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function
12 areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.

13 (b) In fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, in each instance that a
14 reduction in federal revenues to the State results in a decrease of the
15 unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit by:

16 (1) Less than 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total or
17 \$2,000,000, whichever threshold amount is greater, the Secretary of
18 Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee and may prepare and
19 implement a spending authority reduction plan without the approval of the
20 Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations
21 and transfers of funds are not greater than the reduction in the federal revenues.
22 If the Secretary’s plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the
23 total amount appropriated in any section or subsection of any appropriations

1 act, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in 32
2 V.S.A. § 704(b)(2).

3 (2) Greater than \$2,000,000 and 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function
4 total for any governmental function unit, but less than 25 percent or
5 \$50,000,000, whichever threshold amount is lower:

6 (A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare a spending
7 authority reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the
8 Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to the same process established in 32 V.S.A. §
9 704(e), notwithstanding the reference to subdivision (b)(1) of this section,
10 provided that the total reductions to federal spending authority are not greater
11 than the reductions in federal revenues; and

12 (B) to maintain a balanced State budget, to minimize the impact to
13 Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General
14 Assembly in this act and future fiscal year appropriations acts or both, the Joint
15 Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:

16 (i) utilize the appropriation in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act to
17 support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding
18 level until the General Assembly is in session;

19 (ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and

20 (iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary
21 to support the priorities of the General Assembly.

22 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the
23 purpose of calculating any appropriation reduction that triggers the actions set

1 forth in this section, the baseline federal funding amounts shall be the federal
2 funding set forth in ~~this act~~ the general appropriations act for the fiscal year in
3 which the reduction occurs. The Secretary of Administration shall monitor any
4 changes in federal funding as the difference between the baseline federal
5 funding amount ~~for use in fiscal year 2026~~ and any updated State federal funds
6 revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the
7 percent reduction of the unduplicated function totals for each governmental
8 function unit.

1 Sec. E.300.1 HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

2 (a) Monthly from August through December 2026, the Agency of Human
3 Services, in consultation with the Departments for Children and Families and
4 of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee
5 and the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee on its plan to develop
6 the Green Mountain Youth Campus, including its progress on a complete,
7 unambiguous written analysis of the estimated costs of an annual operating
8 budget for full utilization of the proposed 14-bed high-end system of care
9 consistent with 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.300.1.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
11 Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services
12 shall not expend funds for further development of the Green Mountain Youth
13 Campus in fiscal year 2027 until either:

14 (1) the Joint Fiscal Committee, in consultation with the chairs of the
15 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee
16 on Institutions, approves the resumption of expenditures for the Green
17 Mountain Youth Campus upon reviewing one or more of the reports received
18 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section while the General Assembly is
19 adjourned sine die; or

20 (2) the General Assembly authorizes resumption of spending by
21 legislative enactment.

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1 Sec. E.306 REINSURANCE; AUTHORIZATION TO PURSUE SECTION
2 1332 WAIVER

3 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in consultation with the
4 Department of Financial Regulation, is authorized to submit a State Innovation
5 Waiver pursuant to Section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
6 Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by the Health Care and
7 Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152, to establish a
8 program for reinsurance and seek federal pass-through funding of amounts
9 attributable to premium tax credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B.

1 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

2 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

3 (1) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided in this section, the Department of
4 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication
5 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support
6 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health
7 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory
8 Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The
9 funds shall be allocated according to a request for proposal process.

10 (2) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided by this section, the Department
11 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$340,000 from the General
12 Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:

13 (A) Vermont CARES: \$165,000;

14 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$115,000; and

15 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$60,000.

16 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont
17 Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal
18 guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services
19 funded solely by the General Fund.

20 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the
21 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the
22 Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The
23 Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to

1 develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program
2 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

3 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services
4 shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program
5 Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of
6 members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the Program's
7 eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall
8 make recommendations regarding the Program's formulary of approved
9 medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility
10 for the Program.

11 (4) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall provide grants in
12 the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction
13 Services on or before September 1, 2026. The method by which these
14 prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of
15 the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and
16 other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

17 (5) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall not reduce any
18 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe
19 service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels
20 below those in fiscal year 2026 without receiving prior approval from the Joint
21 Fiscal Committee.

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1 Sec. E.329 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;
2 ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; REPORT

3 (a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Disabilities, Aging,
4 and Independent Living, in collaboration with the Departments of Health and
5 of Mental Health and the Office of Health Care Reform in the Agency of
6 Human Services, shall, submit a plan to the House Committees on Health Care,
7 on Human Services, and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on
8 Health and Welfare and on Appropriations for developing and conducting a
9 data-informed, patient-focused, community-inclusive engagement process for
10 Vermont's designated and specialized service agencies that will include:

11 (1) hearing from and sharing data, information, trends, and insights with
12 communities about the current and future states of the designated and
13 specialized service agencies;

14 (2) providing opportunities for meaningful participation in all stages of
15 the engagement process by current, former, and prospective clients of
16 designated and specialized service agencies; health care professionals and
17 health care providers, including employees of designated and specialized
18 service agencies; and Vermonters who are diverse with respect to race, income,
19 age, and disability status;

20 (3) providing the data, information, and analysis necessary to support
21 the engagement process, including information and trends relating to the
22 current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies and
23 the workforce challenges they encounter; and

1 (5) establishing ways to assess the impact of any changes to the
2 designated and specialized service agencies on providers, including on
3 workforce recruitment and retention.

4 (b) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the
5 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living may include a
6 request for an appropriation to hire one or more consultants to support the
7 engagement process recommended pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

1 Sec. E.329.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET

2 (a) For the fiscal year 2028 budget, the Department of Disabilities,

3 Aging, and Independent Living shall present as separate line items for the

4 Choices for Care Program home- and community-based services and skilled

5 nursing facility services.

1 Sec. E.XXX SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAM

2 (a) In fiscal year 2027, \$137,500 of General Fund that has historically been
3 distributed to the Vermont Center for Crime Victim Services for supervised
4 visitation shall be transferred to the Department for Children and Families.
5 These monies shall be combined with the addition of \$100,000 federal funds
6 allocated by the Office of Child Support and an additional general fund
7 appropriation of \$130,000 shall be distributed from the Department to
8 supervised visitation programs. Total program funds of \$367,500 will be
9 distributed in the following ways:

10 (1) \$199,300 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation
11 sites

12 (2) the remaining \$118,200 to be used for start-up funding for additional
13 sites in counties where programs do not currently exist to become operational
14 on January 1, 2027;

15 (3) \$50,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and
16 Sexual Violence for a statewide supervised visitation coordinator who shall
17 initiate a needs assessment to assist in development of a sustainable
18 coordinated system with equitable access to supervised visitation statewide.
19 The coordinator shall work with the Department to develop a funding formula
20 for supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop
21 two new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin
22 planning for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each
23 to become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.