

H.660: An act relating to fiscal year 2027 Opioid Abatement Special Fund appropriations
Side by side summary

Bill Section	As Passed By House	As Passed By Senate
<p>Appropriations; Opioid Abatement Special Fund</p>	<p>In fiscal year 2027, the following appropriations are made from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (1) \$455,000 to the Dept. of Health to fund 26 outreach or case management staff positions within the preferred provider network ○ (2) \$1.6m to the Dept. of Health for recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences ○ (3) \$850,000 to the Dept. of Health for syringe services ○ (4) \$1.1m to the Dept. of Corrections to provide peer recovery center coaches in Vermont correctional facilities and in probation and parole offices ○ (5) \$250,000 to the Office of Economic Opportunity to support long-term programs at shelters for individuals experiencing homelessness ○ (6)(A) \$900,000 to the Dept. of Health for the creation of new recovery resident beds at NARR certification of level III or above ○ (6)(B) \$300,000 to the Dept. of Health for the creation of new NARR-certified recovery resident beds in Brattleboro, Middlebury, Addison, Randolph, Chester, St. Albans, or any other identified region of the State ○ (7) \$248,000 to the Dept. of Health for the Prehospital Vermont EMS Buprenorphine Treatment (PREVENT) Program ○ (8) \$35,000 to the Dept. of Health to subsidize room and board for individuals in Rutland Mental Health Services' transitional housing program ○ (9) \$237,646 to the Dept. of Health for distribution to Springfield Project Action ○ (10) \$288,935 to Dept. of Health for distribution to Elevate Youth Services ○ (11) \$124,999 to Dept. of Health for distribution to the Greater Falls Connections ○ (12) \$200,000 to the Dept. of Health for distribution to Interaction: Friends for Change ○ (13) \$26,697 to Dept. of Health for distribution to the Winooski Partnership for Prevention 	<p>Same as House, with five exceptions:</p> <p>(1) in APBS, subdiv. (6)(A), \$600,00 (versus \$900,000 in APBH) is appropriated to the Dept. of Health for new the creation of new recovery resident beds at NARR certification of level III or above AND in subdiv. (6)(B) \$600,000 is appropriated to Dept. of Health for OUD residential treatment beds at ASAM level 3.1 (versus \$300,000 in APBH for the creation of new NARR-certified recovery resident beds in various regions of the State);</p> <p>(2) APBS includes an \$800,000 appropriation to the Dept. of Health for recovery centers (subdiv. 10) that is not in APBH;</p> <p>(3) APBS includes a \$287,000 appropriation to DPS for the Public Safety Enhancement Team's harm reduction program (subdiv. 11) that is not in APBH;</p> <p>(4) APBS includes an \$1.1m appropriation to Burlington for the OPC, provided funding is not distributed until the location is procured and operation is currently or will imminently become operational (subdiv. 11) that is not in APBH; and</p> <p>(5) APBS appropriates the last four appropriations (APBH subdivs. (10)-(13)) from the Substance Misuse and Prevention Special Fund instead of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund</p>

Amends 2023 A&R No. 22, Sec. 14, as amended by 2024 A&R No. 113, Sec. C.112	Amends language from a previous Opioid Abatement Special Fund act pertaining to a satellite location	[Same as House]
Amends 18 V.S.A. § 4772 (Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee)	Amends the list of stakeholders that the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee is required to consult with to include the Health Equity Advisory Commission Specifies that each funding proposal submitted to the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee contain a sustainability plan from the applicant to ensure consideration of future expenses and available resources apart from the Special Fund [Not in House version]	[Same as House] [Same as House] Allows Dept. of Health to issue separate recommendations from those of the Advisory Committee and it requires that the Advisory Committee and Dept. of Health issued recommendations be developed in consultation with the AGO
Amends 18 V.S.A. § 4774 (Opioid Abatement Special Fund)	[Not in House version]	Adds co-occurring mental health conditions and co-occurring substance use disorders as permissible uses of the Opioid Abatement Special Fund
Appropriation Review; Fiscal Year 2028 Proposal Suspension	By 12/1/26, requires Dept. of Health to review all previous appropriations from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund and to make recommendations to the Advisory Committee and GA regarding which appropriation could be funded in future years by the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund Prohibits the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee from accepting new funding proposals from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund in fiscal year 2028 (except where previous statute anticipated annual funding) Instead of receiving new proposals, the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee is tasked with reviewing outcomes of programs/initiatives previously funded by the Opioid Abatement Special Fund [Not in House version]	[Not in Senate version] [Same as House] [Same as House] If funds are available after making FY28 recommendations for previously funded programs/ initiatives, the Advisory Committee shall identify specific areas of focus and make funding recommendations within those areas based on needs assessments and statewide data rather than requesting new proposals
Quarterly Reporting; Expenditure of Opioid Abatement Special Fund Monies	[Not in House version]	Requires the Dept. of Health to submit quarterly reports to the GA regarding Opioid Abatement Special Fund expenditures in FY27

Reversions	Reverts previous Opioid Abatement Special Fund appropriations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satellite locations • Wound care • Stabilization beds 	[Same as House]
Plan; Syringe Recovery	[Not in House version]	By 12/15/26, requires Dept. of Health to submit a plan to the GA containing recommendations for the implementation of syringe recovery model(s) throughout the State, including requiring syringe service providers to report on the percentage of distributed syringes that are returned to the provider or otherwise collected
Appropriations; Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund	In House version, these same appropriations are made from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund	In fiscal year 2027, the following appropriations are made from the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$288,935 to Dept. of Health for distribution to Elevate Youth Services o \$124,999 to Dept. of Health for distribution to the Greater Falls Connections o \$200,000 to the Dept. of Health for distribution to Interaction: Friends for Change o \$26,697 to Dept. of Health for distribution to the Winooski Partnership for Prevention
Amends 18 V.S.A. § 4812 (Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund)	[Not in House version]	Direct Dept. of Health as part of its annual budget presentation to report on specific spending proposal from the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for the coming FY, including an estimate of the monies in the Special Fund anticipated to remain unallocated at the end of the FY
Effective Date	July 1, 2026	[Same as House]