

1 H.489

2 Introduced by Committee on Appropriations

3 Date:

4 Subject: Appropriations; budget adjustment act; fiscal year 2025

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to make  
6 adjustments in the fiscal year 2025 omnibus appropriations act (“Big Bill”) and  
7 other acts affecting fiscal year 2025.

8 An act relating to fiscal year 2025 budget adjustments

9 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10 Sec. 1. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.105 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.105 Agency of digital services - communications and information  
12 technology

13	Personal services	82,994,362	82,994,362
14	Operating expenses	<del>62,547,212</del>	<u>61,761,212</u>
15	Total	<del>145,541,574</del>	144,755,574
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	209,808	209,808
18	Special funds	511,723	511,723
19	Internal service funds	<del>144,820,043</del>	<u>144,034,043</u>
20	Total	<del>145,541,574</del>	144,755,574

1       Sec. 2. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.145 is amended to read:

2           Sec. B.145 Total general government

3       Source of funds

4	General fund	117,405,610	117,405,610
5	Transportation fund	4,292,149	4,292,149
6	Special funds	31,882,209	31,882,209
7	Federal funds	1,467,374	1,467,374
8	Internal service funds	<del>214,635,950</del>	213,849,950
9	Interdepartmental transfers	7,053,789	7,053,789
10	Enterprise funds	4,298	4,298
11	Pension trust funds	4,800,305	4,800,305
12	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,329,205</u>	<u>1,329,205</u>
13	Total	<del>382,870,889</del>	382,084,889

14       Sec. 3. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

15           Sec. B.204 Judiciary

16	Personal services	<del>58,439,095</del>	58,827,799
17	Operating expenses	<del>12,479,384</del>	14,640,960
18	Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
19	Total	<del>71,039,509</del>	73,589,789

20       Source of funds

21	General fund	<del>63,414,698</del>	65,964,978
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1	Special funds	4,503,401	4,503,401
2	Federal funds	953,928	953,928
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,167,482</u>	<u>2,167,482</u>
4	Total	<del>71,039,509</del>	73,589,789

5 Sec. 4. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.205 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.205 State's attorneys

7	Personal services	<del>17,309,679</del>	17,548,979
8	Operating expenses	<u>2,034,016</u>	<u>2,202,516</u>
9	Total	<del>19,343,695</del>	19,751,495

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	<del>18,734,634</del>	19,142,434
12	Federal funds	31,000	31,000
13	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>578,061</u>	<u>578,061</u>
14	Total	<del>19,343,695</del>	19,751,495

15 Sec. 5. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.206.1 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.206.1 Crime Victims Advocates

17	Personal services	3,016,156	3,016,156
18	Operating expenses	<del>104,396</del>	<u>142,396</u>
19	Total	<del>3,120,552</del>	3,158,552

20 Source of funds

21	General fund	<u>3,120,552</u>	<u>3,158,552</u>
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1	Total	<del>3,120,552</del>	3,158,552
2	Sec. 6. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration		
4	Personal services	<del>4,620,756</del>	5,397,783
5	Operating expenses	<u>6,022,923</u>	<u>6,022,923</u>
6	Total	<del>10,643,679</del>	11,420,706
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<del>6,179,193</del>	8,092,770
9	Special funds	4,105	4,105
10	Federal funds	396,362	396,362
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,064,019</u>	<u>2,927,469</u>
12	Total	<del>10,643,679</del>	11,420,706
13	Sec. 7. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
14	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
15	Personal services	<del>5,387,100</del>	4,705,897
16	Operating expenses	<u>2,152,467</u>	<u>2,152,467</u>
17	Total	<del>7,539,567</del>	6,858,364
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>1,829,099</del>	2,172,295
20	Special funds	<del>4,975,847</del>	3,951,448
21	Federal funds	<u>734,621</u>	<u>734,621</u>

1	Total	<del>7,539,567</del>	6,858,364
2	Sec. 8. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission		
4	Personal services	<del>927,697</del>	952,559
5	Operating expenses	<del>115,103</del>	<u>125,378</u>
6	Total	<del>1,042,800</del>	1,077,937
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<del>953,800</del>	988,937
9	Federal funds	<del>89,000</del>	<u>89,000</u>
10	Total	<del>1,042,800</del>	1,077,937
11	Sec. 9. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property		
13	Source of funds		
14	General fund	<del>228,238,448</del>	233,526,438
15	Transportation fund	20,250,000	20,250,000
16	Special funds	<del>119,824,272</del>	118,799,873
17	Tobacco fund	672,579	672,579
18	Federal funds	162,959,452	162,959,452
19	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>16,031,869</del>	14,895,319
20	Enterprise funds	<del>15,070,107</del>	<u>15,070,107</u>
21	Total	<del>563,046,727</del>	566,173,768

1 Sec. 10. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.300 is amended to read:

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

3	Personal services	<del>16,219,746</del>	18,219,746
4	Operating expenses	<del>7,220,486</del>	6,062,286
5	Grants	<u>3,795,202</u>	<u>3,795,202</u>
6	Total	<del>27,235,434</del>	28,077,234

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	<del>12,913,202</del>	11,923,905
9	Special funds	135,517	135,517
10	Federal funds	<del>13,565,080</del>	11,606,177
11	Global Commitment fund	0	4,300,000
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>621,635</del>	<u>111,635</u>
13	Total	<del>27,235,434</del>	28,077,234

14 Sec. 11. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.301 is amended to read:

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

16	Grants	<del>2,039,512,911</del>	<u>2,164,607,988</u>
17	Total	<del>2,039,512,911</del>	<u>2,164,607,988</u>

18 Source of funds

19	General fund	<del>668,380,623</del>	716,109,638
20	Special funds	32,047,905	32,047,905
21	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373

1	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
2	Federal funds	<del>1,285,494,243</del>	1,363,223,270
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,487,210</u>	<u>4,124,245</u>
4	Total	<del>2,039,512,911</del>	2,164,607,988

5 Sec. 12. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.305 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund

7	Personal services	330,000	330,000
8	Operating expenses	<u><del>13,170,000</del></u>	<u>16,870,000</u>
9	Total	<del>13,500,000</del>	17,200,000

10 Source of funds

11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u><del>13,500,000</del></u>	<u>17,200,000</u>
12	Total	<del>13,500,000</del>	17,200,000

13 Sec. 13. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

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

15	Personal services	<del>134,929,148</del>	136,693,560
16	Operating expenses	<del>44,171,193</del>	39,250,661
17	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
18	Total	<del>182,212,642</del>	179,056,522

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>39,872,315</del>	42,023,781
21	Special funds	4,733,015	4,733,015

1	Federal funds	<del>128,790,580</del>	124,836,223
2	Global Commitment fund	4,308,574	4,308,574
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,508,158</u>	<u>3,154,929</u>
4	Total	<del>182,212,642</del>	179,056,522

5 Sec. 14. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

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

8	Personal services	547,983	547,983
9	Grants	<u>899,550,794</u>	<u>964,407,046</u>
10	Total	<del>900,098,777</del>	964,955,029

11 Source of funds

12	Global Commitment fund	<u>900,098,777</u>	<u>964,955,029</u>
13	Total	<del>900,098,777</del>	964,955,029

14 Sec. 15. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:

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

17	Grants	<u>63,033,948</u>	<u>67,780,595</u>
18	Total	<del>63,033,948</del>	67,780,595

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	<del>62,151,546</del>	62,308,757
21	Global Commitment fund	<u>882,402</u>	<u>5,471,838</u>



1	Total	<del>63,033,948</del>	67,780,595
2	Sec. 16. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
4	matched		
5	Grants	<u>34,994,888</u>	<u>38,232,431</u>
6	Total	34,994,888	38,232,431
7	Source of funds		
8	General fund	<del>42,511,405</del>	13,459,034
9	Federal funds	<u>22,483,483</u>	<u>24,773,397</u>
10	Total	34,994,888	38,232,431
11	Sec. 17. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support		
13	Personal services	8,373,168	8,373,168
14	Operating expenses	<del>7,519,722</del>	8,166,662
15	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
16	Total	<del>23,878,617</del>	24,525,557
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	<del>3,189,843</del>	3,513,313
19	Special funds	2,308,186	2,308,186
20	Federal funds	<del>11,040,433</del>	11,363,903
21	Global Commitment fund	7,173,924	7,173,924

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>166,231</u>	<u>166,231</u>
2	Total	<del>23,878,617</del>	24,525,557
3	Sec. 18. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.312 Health - public health		
5	Personal services	67,812,371	67,812,371
6	Operating expenses	11,025,497	11,025,497
7	Grants	<del>46,766,832</del>	<u>46,866,832</u>
8	Total	<del>125,604,700</del>	125,704,700
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>12,908,892</del>	13,008,892
11	Special funds	24,906,804	24,906,804
12	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
13	Federal funds	64,038,301	64,038,301
14	Global Commitment fund	17,036,150	17,036,150
15	Interdepartmental transfers	5,600,635	5,600,635
16	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
17	Total	<del>125,604,700</del>	125,704,700
18	Sec. 19. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.313 is amended to read:		
19	Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs		
20	Personal services	6,570,967	6,570,967
21	Operating expenses	511,500	511,500

1	Grants	<u>58,215,510</u>	<u>59,240,635</u>
2	Total	<u>65,297,977</u>	66,323,102
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<u>6,672,061</u>	7,697,186
5	Special funds	2,413,678	2,413,678
6	Tobacco fund	949,917	949,917
7	Federal funds	15,456,754	15,456,754
8	Global Commitment fund	<u>39,805,567</u>	<u>39,805,567</u>
9	Total	<u>65,297,977</u>	66,323,102
10	Sec. 20. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
12	Personal services	50,191,086	50,191,086
13	Operating expenses	<u>5,517,999</u>	5,709,973
14	Grants	<u>270,625,138</u>	<u>272,536,080</u>
15	Total	<u>326,334,223</u>	328,437,139
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	<u>25,555,311</u>	26,279,270
18	Special funds	1,718,092	1,718,092
19	Federal funds	<u>11,436,913</u>	12,661,803
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>287,609,767</u>	287,763,834
21	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,140</u>	<u>14,140</u>

1	Total	<del>326,334,223</del>	328,437,139
2	Sec. 21. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration &		
4	support services		
5	Personal services	46,644,080	44,844,080
6	Operating expenses	<del>17,560,755</del>	19,402,705
7	Grants	<u>5,627,175</u>	<u>5,627,175</u>
8	Total	<del>69,832,010</del>	69,873,960
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	<del>39,722,724</del>	40,113,958
11	Special funds	2,781,912	2,781,912
12	Federal funds	<del>24,448,223</del>	24,098,939
13	Global Commitment fund	2,417,024	2,417,024
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>462,127</u>	<u>462,127</u>
15	Total	<del>69,832,010</del>	69,873,960
16	Sec. 22. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services		
18	Personal services	45,197,694	45,286,553
19	Operating expenses	5,315,309	5,315,309
20	Grants	<u>98,251,027</u>	<u>97,732,465</u>
21	Total	<del>148,764,030</del>	148,334,327

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	<del>58,838,741</del>	59,984,059
3	Special funds	729,587	729,587
4	Federal funds	<del>34,666,196</del>	36,180,206
5	Global Commitment fund	<del>54,514,506</del>	51,425,475
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
7	Total	<del>148,764,030</del>	148,334,327

8 Sec. 23. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

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

10	Personal services	5,908,038	5,908,038
11	Operating expenses	813,321	813,321
12	Grants	<del>223,329,336</del>	<u>211,815,836</u>
13	Total	<del>230,050,695</del>	218,537,195

14 Source of funds

15	General fund	<del>76,723,518</del>	51,443,165
16	Special funds	<del>96,312,000</del>	109,512,000
17	Federal funds	<del>43,511,414</del>	42,902,383
18	Global Commitment fund	<del>13,503,763</del>	<u>14,679,647</u>
19	Total	<del>230,050,695</del>	218,537,195

20 Sec. 24. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.319 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.319 Department for children and families - office of child support

1	Personal services	<del>13,157,660</del>	13,061,794
2	Operating expenses	<u>3,759,992</u>	<u>3,759,992</u>
3	Total	<del>16,917,652</del>	16,821,786
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>5,200,064</del>	5,163,429
6	Special funds	455,719	455,719
7	Federal funds	<del>10,874,269</del>	10,815,038
8	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>	<u>387,600</u>
9	Total	<del>16,917,652</del>	16,821,786

10 Sec. 25. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:

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

13	Personal services	<del>2,252,206</del>	2,481,741
14	Grants	<u>10,717,444</u>	<u>10,369,155</u>
15	Total	<del>12,969,650</del>	12,850,896
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	<del>7,376,133</del>	7,368,843
18	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,593,517</u>	<u>5,482,053</u>
19	Total	<del>12,969,650</del>	12,850,896

20 Sec. 26. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

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

1	Personal services	15,000	15,000
2	Grants	<u>11,054,252</u>	<u>10,702,625</u>
3	Total	<u>11,069,252</u>	10,717,625
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<u>10,811,345</u>	10,486,987
6	Federal funds	<u>11,320</u>	11,070
7	Global Commitment fund	<u>246,587</u>	<u>219,568</u>
8	Total	<u>11,069,252</u>	10,717,625
9	Sec. 27. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.322 is amended to read:		
10	Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT		
11	Grants	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>
12	Total	<u>44,377,812</u>	45,677,812
13	Source of funds		
14	Federal funds	<u>44,377,812</u>	<u>45,677,812</u>
15	Total	<u>44,377,812</u>	45,677,812
16	Sec. 28. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:		
17	Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up		
18	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
19	Grants	<u>37,230,488</u>	<u>36,730,493</u>
20	Total	<u>37,254,309</u>	36,754,314
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<del>24,733,042</del>	24,233,047
2	Special funds	5,970,229	5,970,229
3	Federal funds	2,806,330	2,806,330
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
5	Total	<del>37,254,309</del>	36,754,314

6 Sec. 29. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

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

9	Personal services	<del>817,029</del>	1,042,639
10	Operating expenses	100,407	100,407
11	Grants	<del>35,466,283</del>	<u>35,812,536</u>
12	Total	<del>36,383,719</del>	36,955,582

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	<del>28,178,010</del>	28,687,068
15	Special funds	83,135	83,135
16	Federal funds	<del>4,935,273</del>	4,998,078
17	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>	<u>3,187,301</u>
18	Total	<del>36,383,719</del>	36,955,582

19 Sec. 30. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

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



1	Personal services	<del>45,217,977</del>	46,217,977
2	Operating expenses	<u>6,472,558</u>	<u>6,714,680</u>
3	Total	<del>51,690,535</del>	52,932,657
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>22,916,281</del>	24,037,342
6	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
7	Federal funds	<del>26,063,097</del>	26,184,158
8	Global Commitment fund	35,000	35,000
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,285,700</u>	<u>1,285,700</u>
10	Total	<del>51,690,535</del>	52,932,657
11	Sec. 31. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and		
13	independent living grants		
14	Grants	<u>24,571,060</u>	<u>24,781,798</u>
15	Total	<del>24,571,060</del>	24,781,798
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	<del>8,392,303</del>	8,504,605
18	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,321,114
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>8,857,643</u>	<u>8,956,079</u>
20	Total	<del>24,571,060</del>	24,781,798

1 Sec. 32. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.332 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.332 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - vocational

3 rehabilitation

4 Grants 10,179,845 9,179,845

5 Total 10,179,845 9,179,845

6 Source of funds

7 General fund 1,371,845 371,845

8 Federal funds 7,558,000 7,558,000

9 Interdepartmental transfers 1,250,000 1,250,000

10 Total 10,179,845 9,179,845

11 Sec. 33. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

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

13 services

14 Grants 329,299,344 331,262,271

15 Total 329,299,344 331,262,271

16 Source of funds

17 General fund 132,732 132,732

18 Special funds 15,463 15,463

19 Federal funds 403,573 403,573

20 Global Commitment fund 328,697,576 330,660,503

21 Interdepartmental transfers 50,000 50,000

1	Total	<del>329,299,344</del>	331,262,271
2	Sec. 34. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and		
4	community based waiver		
5	Grants	<u><del>6,845,005</del></u>	<u>6,864,520</u>
6	Total	<del>6,845,005</del>	6,864,520
7	Source of funds		
8	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>6,845,005</del></u>	<u>6,864,520</u>
9	Total	<del>6,845,005</del>	6,864,520
10	Sec. 35. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - Long Term Care		
12	Grants	<u><del>293,584,545</del></u>	<u>347,376,122</u>
13	Total	<del>293,584,545</del>	347,376,122
14	Source of funds		
15	General fund	498,579	498,579
16	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
17	Global Commitment fund	<u><del>290,635,966</del></u>	<u>344,427,543</u>
18	Total	<del>293,584,545</del>	347,376,122
19	Sec. 36. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
20	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
21	Personal services	<del>147,472,104</del>	148,472,104

1	Operating expenses	<u>24,914,205</u>	<u>25,249,795</u>
2	Total	<del>172,386,309</del>	173,721,899
3	Source of funds		
4	General fund	<del>162,807,888</del>	163,643,478
5	Special funds	935,963	935,963
6	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
7	Federal funds	<del>499,888</del>	999,888
8	Global Commitment fund	2,746,255	2,746,255
9	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
10	Total	<del>172,386,309</del>	173,721,899
11	Sec. 37. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
13	Personal services	<del>17,631,222</del>	17,595,290
14	Operating expenses	<del>5,013,462</del>	13,247,462
15	Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>1,583,157</u>
16	Total	<del>22,644,684</del>	32,425,909
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	<del>4,320,687</del>	11,224,018
19	Special funds	<del>10,051,903</del>	12,450,095
20	Federal funds	<u>8,272,094</u>	<u>8,751,796</u>
21	Total	<del>22,644,684</del>	32,425,909

1 Sec. 38. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.347 Total human services

3 Source of funds

4	General fund	<del>1,328,118,806</del>	1,364,156,647
5	Special funds	<del>202,800,452</del>	218,398,644
6	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
7	State health care resources fund	28,053,557	28,053,557
8	ARPA State Fiscal	5,000,000	5,000,000
9	Federal funds	<del>1,803,398,922</del>	1,882,012,745
10	Global Commitment fund	<del>1,980,839,553</del>	2,108,560,133
11	Internal service funds	490,853	490,853
12	Interdepartmental transfers	<del>32,893,535</del>	34,367,341
13	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
14	Total	<del>5,404,708,886</del>	5,664,153,128

15 Sec. 39. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.501 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.501 Education - education services

17	Personal services	<del>28,237,700</del>	28,312,700
18	Operating expenses	1,134,912	1,134,912
19	Grants	<u>322,345,763</u>	<u>322,345,763</u>
20	Total	<del>351,718,375</del>	351,793,375

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	<del>6,387,955</del>	6,462,955
2	Special funds	3,033,144	3,033,144
3	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
4	Federal funds	340,584,414	340,584,414
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,474</u>	<u>962,474</u>
6	Total	<del>351,718,375</del>	351,793,375
7	Sec. 40. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.503 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students		
9	Grants	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>19,000,000</u>
10	Total	<del>20,000,000</del>	19,000,000
11	Source of funds		
12	Education fund	<u>20,000,000</u>	<u>19,000,000</u>
13	Total	<del>20,000,000</del>	19,000,000
14	Sec. 41. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy		
16	Grants	<u>4,694,183</u>	<u>4,997,820</u>
17	Total	<del>4,694,183</del>	4,997,820
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<del>3,778,133</del>	4,081,770
20	Federal funds	<u>916,050</u>	<u>916,050</u>
21	Total	<del>4,694,183</del>	4,997,820

1 Sec. 42. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.504.1 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

3	Grants	<u>11,361,755</u>	<u>11,564,179</u>
4	Total	<u>11,361,755</u>	11,564,179

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	921,500	921,500
7	Education fund	<u>10,440,255</u>	<u>10,642,679</u>
8	Total	<u>11,361,755</u>	11,564,179

9 Sec. 43. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.505 is amended to read:

10 Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

11	Grants	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
12	Total	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	1,882,267,394

13 Source of funds

14	Education fund	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	<u>1,882,267,394</u>
15	Total	<u>1,893,267,394</u>	1,882,267,394

16 Sec. 44. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

18	Grants	<u>20,400,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	<u>20,400,000</u>	17,500,000

20 Source of funds

21	Education fund	<u>20,400,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
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1	Total	<del>20,400,000</del>	17,500,000
2	Sec. 45. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:		
3	Sec. B.516 Total general education		
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<del>228,890,519</del>	229,269,156
6	Special funds	23,651,687	23,651,687
7	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
8	Education fund	<del>2,323,283,242</del>	2,308,585,666
9	Federal funds	354,654,849	354,654,849
10	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
11	Interdepartmental transfers	1,467,771	1,467,771
12	Pension trust funds	<u>3,572,780</u>	<u>3,572,780</u>
13	Total	<del>2,936,531,236</del>	2,922,212,297
14	Sec. 46. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry		
16	Personal services	<del>7,880,566</del>	7,913,766
17	Operating expenses	1,005,046	1,005,046
18	Grants	<u>1,712,423</u>	<u>1,713,923</u>
19	Total	<del>10,598,035</del>	10,632,735
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<del>6,299,512</del>	6,334,212



1	Special funds	547,215	547,215
2	Federal funds	3,394,931	3,394,931
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>356,377</u>	<u>356,377</u>
4	Total	<del>10,598,035</del>	10,632,735

5 Sec. 47. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.710 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.710 Environmental conservation - air and waste management

7	Personal services	27,995,328	27,995,328
8	Operating expenses	<del>10,788,954</del>	10,816,954
9	Grants	<u>4,943,000</u>	<u>4,943,000</u>
10	Total	<del>43,727,282</del>	43,755,282

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	<del>199,372</del>	227,372
13	Special funds	24,643,580	24,643,580
14	Federal funds	18,800,064	18,800,064
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>84,266</u>	<u>84,266</u>
16	Total	<del>43,727,282</del>	43,755,282

17 Sec. 48. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.711 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.711 Environmental conservation - office of water programs

19	Personal services	50,153,806	50,153,806
20	Operating expenses	<del>8,362,915</del>	8,370,915
21	Grants	<u>92,365,140</u>	<u>92,365,140</u>

1	Total	<del>150,881,861</del>	150,889,861
2	Source of funds		
3	General fund	<del>11,887,629</del>	11,895,629
4	Special funds	30,967,150	30,967,150
5	Federal funds	107,154,542	107,154,542
6	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>872,540</u>	<u>872,540</u>
7	Total	<del>150,881,861</del>	150,889,861

8 Sec. 49. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	<del>42,792,800</del>	42,863,500
12	Special funds	81,275,829	81,275,829
13	Fish and wildlife fund	10,418,331	10,418,331
14	Federal funds	152,068,301	152,068,301
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,131,324</u>	<u>14,131,324</u>
16	Total	<del>300,686,585</del>	300,757,285

17 Sec. 50. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

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

19 APPROPRIATIONS

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1 (d) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for  
2 the following:

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4 (8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; ~~and~~

5 (9) ~~\$400,000~~ \$550,000 General Fund for the Vermont Household Health  
6 Insurance Survey; and

7 (10) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health  
8 equity.

9 (e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are  
10 appropriated for the following:

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12 (2) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division  
13 limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the  
14 General Assistance Emergency Housing program; ~~and~~

15 (3) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate  
16 24 hours seven days per week;

17 (4) \$340,000 General Fund and \$660,000 federal funds for the Office of  
18 Child Support mainframe transition planning. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.  
19 § 703, unless otherwise reverted by a future act of the General Assembly, these  
20 appropriations shall carry forward until fully expended; and





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

4 (1) The sum of \$575,662 is allocated from the Current Use  
5 Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of  
6 the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),  
7 amounts in excess of \$575,662 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
8 Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the General  
9 Fund.

10 (2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of ~~\$22,106,740~~  
11 \$28,238,050 from the property transfer tax and surcharge established in  
12 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
13 Trust Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund.

14 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
15 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
16 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the  
17 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and  
18 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established in  
19 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of ~~\$22,106,740~~  
20 \$28,238,050 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the  
21 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property

1 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on  
2 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
3 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be  
4 restored.

5 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of  
6 ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 from the property transfer tax deposited into the  
7 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General  
8 Fund. The ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 shall be allocated as follows:

9 (A) ~~\$6,404,540~~ \$7,300,358 for disbursement to regional planning  
10 commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

11 (B) ~~\$931,773~~ \$1,187,721 for disbursement to municipalities in a  
12 manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

13 (C) ~~\$436,060~~ \$564,034 to the Agency of Digital Services for the  
14 Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

15 Sec. 52. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

16 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

17 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are  
18 transferred from the funds indicated:

19 (1) From the General Fund to the:

20 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):

21 ~~\$73,212,880~~ \$78,235,088.34.

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(J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): ~~\$830,000~~  
\$6,500,000.

(K) Education Fund (#20205): \$25,000,000.

(L) Medical Insurance Fund (#55100): \$18,500,000.

(M) Correctional Industries Fund (#59100): \$3,135,443.

(N) Act 250 Permit Fund (#21260): \$900,000.

(O) State Liability Self-Insurance Fund (#56200): \$3,000,000.

(P) Emergency Personnel Survivor's Benefit Fund (#21884):  
\$220,000.

(2) From the Transportation Fund to the:

~~(A) Vermont Recreational Trails Fund (#21455): \$370,000.~~

~~(B)~~ Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements  
Fund (#21575): \$523,966.

~~(C)~~(B) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):  
\$316,745.

~~(D)~~(C) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund  
transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0.

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(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2025:



1           (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from  
2 the funds indicated:

3                   (A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): ~~\$12,000,000~~  
4 \$15,417,084.32.

5                   (B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005):  
6 \$4,641,960.

7                   (C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,000,000~~  
8 \$6,139,162.

9                   (D) Liquor Control Fund (#50300): ~~\$21,100,000~~ \$9,543,353.

10                  (E) ~~Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#21370): \$3,000,000.~~

11                  (F) ~~Financial Institutions Supervision Fund (#21065): \$1,100,000.~~

12                  (F) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913):  
13 \$2,598,921.75.

14                  (G) Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (#21994): the balance of  
15 the fund at the close of fiscal year 2025.

16           (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of  
17 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to  
18 the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report  
19 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred  
20 from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency,

1 office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory  
2 requirements.

3 (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):  
4 \$2,000,000.

5 (B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): ~~\$6,500,000~~ \$10,995,595.

6 (3) ~~\$66,935,000~~ \$63,560,450.50 of the net unencumbered fund balances  
7 in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive  
8 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities  
9 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General  
10 Fund.

11 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
12 under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary  
13 of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and  
14 Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this  
15 section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal ~~year~~ years  
16 2025 and 2026, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal  
17 share of an approved project for municipalities that were impacted by ~~the~~  
18 ~~August and December 2023~~ and 2024 flooding events in counties that are  
19 eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds  
20 under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-

1 VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT may be advanced at the request of a  
2 municipality.

3 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds  
4 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration  
5 shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an  
6 approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for  
7 municipalities in counties that were impacted by ~~the August and December~~  
8 2023 and 2024 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency  
9 Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster  
10 declarations DR-4744-VT and, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and  
11 DR-4826-VT.

12 Sec. 53. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

13 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

14 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
15 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
16 accounts indicated:

17		* * *	
18	3150892104 MH – Case Management Serv	\$350,000.00	<u>\$350,199.34</u>
19		* * *	
20	<u>1100892208 AOA – VT Housing Finance Agency</u>		<u>\$3,000,000.00</u>
21	<u>1100892403 AOA – Health Equity Community Grants</u>		<u>\$500,000.00</u>

1	<u>1120020000 Tuition Assistance Program</u>	<u>\$133,877.86</u>
2	<u>1120892401 DHR – New Position in DHR Ops</u>	<u>\$477,769.00</u>
3	<u>1120892402 DHR – New Position in VTHR Ops</u>	<u>\$40,726.07</u>
4	<u>1140010000 Tax Operation Costs</u>	<u>\$1,267,062.22</u>
5	<u>1140060000 Reappraisal and Listing Payments</u>	<u>\$35,270.75</u>
6	<u>1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program</u>	<u>\$37,864.25</u>
7	<u>1140330000 Renter Rebates</u>	<u>\$2,186,940.33</u>
8	<u>1140892403 Tax – Child Care Contr Positions</u>	<u>\$3,591,823.02</u>
9	<u>1260980000 Debt Service</u>	<u>\$235,445.15</u>
10	<u>1266892401 VPIC – Pension System Assets</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
11	<u>2100892201 AG – Racial Disparities</u>	<u>\$48,465.00</u>
12	<u>2120892203 JUD – County Court House HVAC</u>	<u>\$800,000.00</u>
13	<u>2120892402 JUD – Essex County Courthouse Reno</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
14	<u>2130400000 SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$395,749.64</u>
15	<u>2150010000 Mil Admin/TAGO</u>	<u>\$142,789.80</u>
16	<u>2150050000 Mil Vet Affairs Office</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
17	<u>2160892201 CCVS – VT Forensic Nursing</u>	<u>\$246.43</u>
18	<u>2160892304 CCVS – Kurn Hattin Survivor</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
19	<u>2200010000 Administration Division</u>	<u>\$167,222.00</u>
20	<u>3310000000 Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$25,390.43</u>
21	<u>3330892401 GMCB – VHCURES Database Implemen</u>	<u>\$545,782.90</u>

1	<u>3400892111 Supp New Americans Refugee</u>	<u>\$23,431.00</u>
2	<u>3400892301 AHSCO – Refugee Resettlement</u>	<u>\$1,293.00</u>
3	<u>3420892405 HD – Regional Emergency Med</u>	<u>\$8,295.01</u>
4	<u>3440050000 DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$35,310.73</u>
5	<u>3440892110 DCF – Grants to Reachup</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>
6	<u>3440892203 DCF – Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$20,708.22</u>
7	<u>3440892214 DCF – Child Care Provider Workfor</u>	<u>\$294.79</u>
8	<u>4100500000 VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
9	<u>5100070000 Education Services</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
10	<u>5100892101 AOE – VSC Committee Per Diem</u>	<u>\$16,295.33</u>
11	<u>5100892102 AOA – Advisory Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$9,018.00</u>
12	<u>5100892103 AOE – ESESAG Per Diems</u>	<u>\$8,960.00</u>
13	<u>5100892201 AOE – Comm Pub Sch Emp Hlth Ben</u>	<u>\$29,050.00</u>
14	<u>5100892202 AOE – Task Force Equit Inclusive</u>	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
15	<u>5100892302 AOE – Ethnic&amp;Social Equity Per D</u>	<u>\$14,386.24</u>
16	<u>6100010000 Administration Management and Planning</u>	<u>\$402,052.99</u>
17	<u>6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$11,692.11</u>
18	<u>6140880005 152/00 State Asst Munic Poll Cont</u>	<u>\$126.26</u>
19	<u>7100892301 Everyone Eats</u>	<u>\$144,565.43</u>
20	<u>7120892304 DED – Relocated and Remote Worker</u>	<u>\$127,314.33</u>
21	<u>8100002100 Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$2,482.81</u>

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(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the accounts indicated:

<u>5100010000 Administration</u>	<u>\$301,041.03</u>
<u>5100050000 State-Placed Students</u>	<u>\$13,687,528.41</u>
<u>5100090000 Education Grant</u>	<u>\$359,570.31</u>
<u>5100110000 Small School Grant</u>	<u>\$593,700.00</u>
<u>5100200000 Education – Technical Education</u>	<u>\$1,802,347.44</u>
<u>5100210000 Education – Flexible Pathways</u>	<u>\$1,312,334.72</u>
<u>5100892405 AOE – Universal School Meals</u>	<u>\$6,201,479.69</u>

Sec. 54. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:

(1) General Fund.

(A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of ~~\$15,168,663~~ \$15,168,660.85 shall be added to the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.







1 Sec. 57. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

2 Sec. E.301 SECRETARY'S OFFICE; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

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4 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a  
5 total estimated sum of ~~\$24,301,185~~ \$28,307,335 is anticipated to be certified as  
6 State matching funds under Global Commitment as follows:

7 (1) ~~\$21,295,850~~ \$25,302,000 certified State match available from local  
8 education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid  
9 services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with ~~\$29,204,150~~  
10 \$34,698,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a  
11 total estimated expenditure of ~~\$50,500,000~~ \$60,000,000. An amount equal to  
12 the amount of the federal matching funds for eligible special education school-  
13 based Medicaid services under Global Commitment shall be transferred from  
14 the Global Commitment Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund  
15 created in 16 V.S.A. § 2959a.

16 (2) \$3,005,335 certified State match available from local designated  
17 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health  
18 services provided under Global Commitment.

19 (c) Up to ~~\$4,487,210~~ \$3,614,245 is transferred from the Agency of Human  
20 Services Federal Receipts Holding Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer  
21 Fund consistent with the amount appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act.

1 Sec. 58. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. G.109 is amended to read:

2 Sec. G.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND  
3 2026

4 (a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year  
5 agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees'  
6 Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and  
7 Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's  
8 Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June  
9 30, 2026; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers'  
10 Association for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026; and salary  
11 increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining  
12 agreements shall be funded as follows:

13 (1) Fiscal year 2025.

14 \* \* \*

15 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other  
16 funds, for fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from  
17 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the  
18 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be  
19 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported  
20 by State funds.

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1 the income tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 beginning with the  
2 taxpayer's first income tax year starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. No  
3 alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due for any period included in  
4 the taxpayer's income tax filing for tax years starting on or after January 1,  
5 ~~2025~~ 2026.

6 (d) In fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026, the Division of Property Valuation and  
7 Review of the Department of Taxes and all communications service providers  
8 with taxable communications property in Vermont shall be subject to the  
9 inventory and valuation provisions prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 4452, as  
10 applicable.

11 Sec. 60. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

13 This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

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15 (3) Secs. 8–12 (communications property tax) shall take effect on July 1,  
16 ~~2025~~ 2026 and shall apply to grand lists lodged on or after April 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

17 Sec. 61. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 166, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 15. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

19 Notwithstanding 7 V.S.A. § 845(c), in fiscal year 2025:

1 (1) \$500,000.00 is transferred from the Cannabis Regulation Fund  
2 established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 845 to the Cannabis Business Development  
3 Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987; and

4 (2) \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis Business ~~19~~  
5 Development Fund to the ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development~~  
6 Department of Economic Development to fund technical assistance and  
7 provide loans and grants pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.

8 Sec. 62. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 78 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 78. ~~TRANSFERS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX~~

10 ~~Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), 32 V.S.A. §~~  
11 ~~9610(c), or any other provision of law to the contrary, amounts in excess of~~  
12 ~~\$32,954,775.00 from the property transfer tax shall be transferred into the~~  
13 ~~General Fund. Of this amount:~~

14 (1) ~~\$6,106,335.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~  
15 ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.~~

16 (2) ~~\$1,279,740.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~  
17 ~~Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. [Repealed.]~~

18 Sec. 63. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 96 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 96. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND

20 The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
21 ~~Vermont State Housing Authority~~ Department of Housing and Community

1 Development in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund  
2 established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.  
3 Sec. 64. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts  
4 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119, and  
5 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 106, is further amended to read:

6 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND  
7 REPAIR PROGRAM

8 (a) ~~Amounts~~ Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act  
9 – State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of  
10 Housing and Community Development for the Manufactured Home  
11 Improvement and Repair Program and shall be used for one or more of the  
12 following purposes:

13 \* \* \*

14 Sec. 65. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 113b is amended to read:

15 Sec. 113b. APPROPRIATION; ~~NATURAL RESOURCES~~ LAND USE  
16 REVIEW BOARD

17 The sum of ~~\$1,300,000.00~~ \$400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund  
18 to the ~~Natural Resources~~ Land Use Review Board in fiscal year 2025.

19 Sec. 66. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 24a is amended to read:

20 Sec. 24a. COMPENSATION FOR OVERPAYMENT

1 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, ~~the sum of~~  
2 ~~\$29,224.00~~ a \$29,224 credit shall be ~~transferred from the Education Fund to~~  
3 ~~the Town of~~ applied to the Canaan Town School District's education spending,  
4 as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the  
5 homestead taxpayers of the ~~Town of~~ Canaan Town School District for an  
6 overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to erroneous  
7 accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating average daily  
8 membership. ~~The transfer under this subsection shall be made directly to the~~  
9 ~~Town of Canaan.~~

10 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
11 ~~\$5,924.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~  
12 ~~Bloomfield in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~  
13 ~~Town of Bloomfield for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~  
14 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
16 ~~directly to the Town of Bloomfield.~~

17 (c) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
18 ~~\$2,575.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~  
19 ~~Brunswick in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~  
20 ~~Town of Brunswick for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~  
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
2 ~~directly to the Town of Brunswick.~~

3 ~~(d) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
4 ~~\$6,145.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of East~~  
5 ~~Haven in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town~~  
6 ~~of East Haven for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~  
7 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
9 ~~directly to the Town of East Haven.~~

10 ~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
11 ~~\$2,046.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Granby~~  
12 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~  
13 ~~Granby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~  
14 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
16 ~~directly to the Town of Granby.~~

17 ~~(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
18 ~~\$10,034.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~  
19 ~~Guildhall in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~  
20 ~~Town of Guildhall for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~  
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~



1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
2 ~~directly to the Town of Guildhall.~~

3 ~~(g) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
4 ~~\$20,536.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Kirby~~  
5 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~  
6 ~~Kirby for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~  
7 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
9 ~~directly to the Town of Kirby.~~

10 ~~(h) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
11 ~~\$2,402.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~  
12 ~~Lemington in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~  
13 ~~Town of Lemington for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~  
14 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
16 ~~directly to the Town of Lemington.~~

17 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
18 ~~\$11,464.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~  
19 ~~Maidstone in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~  
20 ~~Town of Maidstone for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~  
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~

1 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
2 ~~directly to the Town of Maidstone.~~

3 ~~(j) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
4 ~~\$4,349.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Norton~~  
5 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~  
6 ~~Norton for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~  
7 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
8 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
9 ~~directly to the Town of Norton.~~

10 ~~(k) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~  
11 ~~\$2,657.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of Victory~~  
12 ~~in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Town of~~  
13 ~~Victory for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to~~  
14 ~~erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~  
15 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~  
16 ~~directly to the Town of Victory.~~

17 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a \$68,132 credit shall  
18 be applied to the Northeast Kingdom Choice School District's education  
19 spending, as defined per 16 V.S.A. § 4001(6), in fiscal year 2025 to  
20 compensate the homestead taxpayers of the Northeast Kingdom Choice School  
21 District for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024 due to

1 erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating  
2 average daily membership.

3 Sec. 67. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024  
4 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
5 C.101, is further amended to read:

6 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME

7 APPROPRIATIONS

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

10 (1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a  
11 comprehensive statewide language access plan;

12 (2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied  
13 claims for ~~Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)~~ federal  
14 reimbursement related to presidentially declared disasters in fiscal year 2024 or  
15 2025, or to fund unanticipated statewide costs related to recovery efforts from  
16 declared disasters or administering programs created by funds from the  
17 American Rescue Plan Act – State Fiscal Recovery Fund, including the costs  
18 of related limited-service positions, and contracting for programs and services.

19 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health  
20 equity. These funds shall not be released until the recommendation and report  
21 required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act, regarding the permanent administrative

1 location for the Office of Health Equity, is provided to the committees of  
2 jurisdiction listed in Sec. E.100.1 of this act and the positions in the Office of  
3 Health Equity created by this act are filled.

4 \* \* \*

5 (l) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds  
6 are appropriated for the following:

7 \* \* \*

8 (2) \$8,834,000 General Fund and \$11,483,302 Federal Revenue Fund  
9 #22005 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke  
10 program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the  
11 program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic  
12 investments with community partners; unexpended appropriations shall carry  
13 forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

14 \* \* \*

15 (m) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2024, funds are  
16 appropriated for the following:

17 (1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005  
18 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke  
19 program; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal  
20 years and remain available for this purpose;



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Sec. 68. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1102, as added by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 47, is amended to read:

Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY  
MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951) for new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

(1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

(A) \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system upgrade of Human Capital Management and core statewide financial accounting system and integration with the Department of Labor and Agency of Transportation financial systems;

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Sec. 69. 3 V.S.A. § 3306 is amended to read:

§ 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

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(b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

- (1) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to it by the General Assembly; and
- (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

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Sec. 70. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND; REPEAL

(a) 10 V.S.A. § 543 (Workforce Education and Training Fund) is repealed.

Sec. 71. 18 V.S.A. § 9502 is amended to read:

§ 9502. TOBACCO TRUST FUND

(a)(1) The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer for the purposes of creating a self-sustaining, perpetual fund for tobacco cessation and prevention that is not dependent upon tobacco sales volume.

(2) The Trust Fund shall ~~comprise~~ be composed of:

(A) ~~appropriations~~ transfers made by the General Assembly; and

(B) ~~transfers from the Litigation Settlement Fund pursuant to subdivision (b) of this section; and~~

(~~C~~) contributions from any other source.

(3) The State Treasurer shall not disburse monies from the Trust Fund, except upon appropriation by the General Assembly. In any fiscal year, total appropriations from the Trust Fund shall not exceed seven percent of the fair market value of the Fund at the end of the prior fiscal year.

(4) The Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer. The Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be

1 carried forward. Interest earned shall remain in the Fund. The Treasurer's  
2 annual financial report to the Governor and the General Assembly shall contain  
3 an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the Fund.

4 (b) ~~Unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly on or before~~  
5 ~~June 30, 2000, and on June 30 of each subsequent fiscal year, any~~  
6 ~~unencumbered balance in the Litigation Settlement Fund shall be transferred to~~  
7 ~~the Trust Fund. [Repealed.]~~

8 Sec. 72. 30 V.S.A. chapter 86 is amended to read:

9 CHAPTER 86. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION

10 SYSTEM

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12 § 7006. MARKING OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES

13 A company notified in accordance with section 7005 of this title shall,  
14 within ~~48~~ 72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of the  
15 receipt of the notice, mark the approximate location of its underground utility  
16 facilities in the area of the proposed excavation activities; provided, however,  
17 if the company advises the person that the proposed excavation area is of such  
18 length or size that the company cannot reasonably mark all of the underground  
19 utility facilities within ~~48~~ 72 hours, the person shall notify the company of the  
20 specific locations in which the excavation activities will first occur and the  
21 company shall mark facilities in those locations within ~~48~~ 72 hours and the



1 remaining facilities within a reasonable time thereafter. A company and an  
2 excavator may by agreement fix a later time for the company's marking of the  
3 facilities, provided the marking is made prior to excavation activities. For the  
4 purposes of this chapter, the approximate location of underground facilities  
5 shall be marked with stakes, paint, or other physical means as designated by  
6 the Commission.

7 § 7006a. MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITY  
8 MARKINGS

9 After a company has marked its underground facilities in accordance with  
10 section 7006 of this title, the excavator shall be responsible for maintenance of  
11 the designated markings. In the event said markings are obliterated, destroyed,  
12 or removed, the person engaged in excavation activities shall notify the System  
13 referred to in section 7002 of this title that remarking is needed. The System  
14 shall then notify all member companies whose facilities may be affected. The  
15 company shall within ~~48~~ 72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal  
16 holidays, following receipt of the notice, remark the location of its  
17 underground utility facilities.

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. 73. 32 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

20 § 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

21 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

1 (1) "Loan" means a loan that is interest free or below market value.

2 (2) "State agency" means an Executive Branch agency, department,  
3 commission, office, or board.

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5 Sec. 74. 32 V.S.A. § 706 is amended to read:

6 § 706. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

7 Notwithstanding any authority granted elsewhere, all transfers of  
8 appropriations shall be made pursuant to this section upon the initiative of the  
9 Governor or upon the request of a secretary or commissioner.

10 (1) With the approval of the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance  
11 and Management may transfer balances of appropriations not to exceed  
12 ~~\$50,000.00~~ \$100,000 made under any appropriation act for the support of the  
13 government from one component of an agency, department, or other unit of  
14 State government to any component of the same agency, department, or unit.

15 (2) Except as specified in ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision (1) ~~and (4)~~ of this  
16 section, the transfer of balances of appropriations may be made only with the  
17 approval of the Emergency Board.

18 (3) For the specific purpose of balancing and closing out fund accounts  
19 at the end of a fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management may  
20 adjust a balance within an account of an agency or department in an amount  
21 not to exceed ~~\$100.00~~ \$200.

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Sec. 75. 32 V.S.A. § 902 is amended to read:

§ 902. AUTHORIZATION TO BORROW MONEY

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(b) The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of and expenses of preparing, issuing, and marketing of such notes as the same fall due without further order or authority from the ~~General Fund or from the Transportation or other applicable funds or from the proceeds of bonds or notes~~ governmental debt service funds established in section 951a of this chapter. The authority hereby granted is in addition to and not in limitation of any other authority. Such notes shall be sold at public or private sale with or without published notice, as the State Treasurer may determine to be in the best interests of the State.

Sec. 76. 32 V.S.A. § 951a is amended to read:

§ 951a. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

(a) Three governmental debt service funds are hereby established:

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(b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of ~~appropriations by the General Assembly to fulfill debt service obligations~~, the transfer of funding sources by the General Assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations, bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust

1 agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected  
2 pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held  
3 in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other  
4 amounts as directed by the General Assembly or that are specifically  
5 authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for  
6 the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations  
7 within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt  
8 service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

9 \* \* \*

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

11 § 954. PROCEEDS

12 (a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums,  
13 shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the  
14 purposes ~~shall~~ may be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing,~~  
15 ~~and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title,~~  
16 ~~and~~ underwriters' fees and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the  
17 bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the  
18 proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of,  
19 investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same  
20 fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with  
21 the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or

1 other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best  
2 interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount  
3 necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment  
4 return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds  
5 then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual  
6 appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and  
7 interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund  
8 installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their  
9 fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service  
10 fund.

11 (b) ~~The State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of bond~~  
12 ~~issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated by a~~  
13 ~~capital construction act and for which bonding is required as the source of~~  
14 ~~funds. If estimated receipts are insufficient, the State Treasurer shall allocate~~  
15 ~~additional costs to the entities. Any remaining receipts shall not be expended,~~  
16 ~~but carried forward to be available for future capital construction acts. If the~~  
17 ~~source of funds appropriated by a capital construction act is other than by~~  
18 ~~issuance of bonds, the State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated~~  
19 ~~cost of ongoing debt management services to the entities to which those funds~~  
20 ~~are appropriated~~ shall be appropriated annually from the funds from which  
21 transfers are made to fund debt service costs.

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Sec. 78. VERMONT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND; REPEAL

(a) 33 V.S.A. chapter 78 (Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund) is repealed.

Sec. 79. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 38 is amended to read:

Sec. 38. RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

(a) Creation; administration. The Vermont Housing Finance Agency shall design and implement a Rental Housing Revolving Loan Program and shall create and administer a revolving loan fund to provide subsidized loans for rental housing developments that serve middle-income households.

(b) Loans; eligibility; criteria.

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(7) The Agency shall use one or more legal mechanisms to ensure that:

(A) a subsidized unit remains affordable to a household earning the applicable percent of area median income for the longer of:

(i) seven years; or

(ii) full repayment of the loan plus three years; and

(B) during the affordability period determined pursuant to subdivision (A) of this subdivision (7), the annual increase in rent for a subsidized unit does not exceed three percent or an amount otherwise authorized by the Agency.

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Sec. 80. 32 V.S.A. § 308b is amended to read:

§ 308b. HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD RESERVE

(a) There is created within the General Fund a Human Services Caseload Reserve. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be subject to an appropriation by the General Assembly or approval by the Emergency Board. Expenditures from the Reserve shall be limited to Agency of Human Services caseload-related needs primarily in the Departments for Children and Families, of Health, of Mental Health, of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, of Vermont Health Access, and settlement costs associated with managing the Global Commitment waiver.

(b) The Secretary of Administration may transfer to the Human Services Caseload Reserve any General Fund ~~carry forward~~ carryforward directly attributable to Agency of Human Services caseload reductions and the effective management of related federal receipts, with the exclusion of the Department of Corrections.

(c) The Human Services Caseload Reserve shall contain two ~~sub-accounts~~ subaccounts:

(1) A ~~sub-account~~ subaccount for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses. Each fiscal year ~~beginning with fiscal year 2020~~, the Department of Finance and Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not

1 reported Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the  
2 ~~Comprehensive~~ Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year  
3 occurring two years prior for the estimated amount of incurred but not reported  
4 Medicaid expenses associated with the current Medicaid Global Commitment  
5 waiver.

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7 Sec. 81. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND;

8 UNALLOCATED AND UNRESERVED BALANCE

9 (a) In fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration shall unreserve and  
10 transfer funds from the Human Services Caseload Reserve to the Child Care  
11 Contribution Special Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 10554 as necessary to  
12 maintain a balance that appropriately supports the State's statutory obligations  
13 under the Child Care Financial Assistance Program established in 33 V.S.A.  
14  §§ 3512 and 3513.

15 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that any unreserved and  
16 unallocated balance in the Child Care Contribution Special Fund shall remain  
17 in the Fund to support the future establishment of a reserve for the Child Care  
18 Financial Assistance Program.

19 Sec. 82. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FACILITY WORK

20 PROGRAMS; STRATEGIC PLAN

21 (a) Findings and intent.



1           (1) The General Assembly finds that a significant budget deficit has  
2           developed within previously existing programs despite a wage structure that  
3           pays incarcerated individuals in Vermont at rates ranging from \$0.25 to \$1.35  
4           per hour, significantly below the federal minimum wage.

5           (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that all Department of  
6           Corrections facility work programs operate in a manner that is fiscally  
7           sustainable to the extent possible within current statutory limitations and  
8           effective in preparing offenders for meaningful employment upon release.

9           (b) Strategic plan. On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of  
10          Corrections shall, in consultation with the Department of Labor, submit a  
11          strategic plan with proposed benchmarks for improvement to the House  
12          Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the  
13          Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Institutions, and on Judiciary. The  
14          strategic plan shall include:

15           (1) A business plan to improve program efficiency and self-  
16           sustainability to ensure all facility work programs, including Vermont  
17           Correctional Industries, vocational training programs, and other paid facility  
18           duties, operate without recurring deficits or to clearly identify funding sources  
19           to address the deficits.

20           (2) A comprehensive evaluation of the skills provided through facility  
21           work programs to determine if those skills are transferable to employment

1 opportunities post-incarceration. The evaluation shall include consideration of  
2 expanding technical training and certification opportunities that carry  
3 recognized value in the labor market.

4 (3) An analysis of facility work programs to determine if each program  
5 serves a sufficient portion of the incarcerated population to justify its  
6 administration. The analysis shall also consider whether participants gain  
7 meaningful and valuable work experiences.

8 (4) A review of wages paid to facility work program participants, the  
9 implications of wage structures on program outcomes, and the appropriate use  
10 of funds in relation to program objectives.

11 (c) In fiscal years 2025 and 2026, the Department of Corrections shall  
12 submit timely reports to the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
13 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on  
14 Institutions, and on Judiciary, or the Joint Fiscal Committee and the Joint  
15 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee when the General Assembly is not in  
16 session, on the development of facility work program deficits. The  
17 Department shall include in these reports any financial or operational actions  
18 taken to address deficits, increase oversight, and prevent future deficits.

19 Sec. 83. MEDICAID PROVIDERS WITH STABILIZATION NEEDS;

20 GRANT ELIGIBILITY

1       (a) All Vermont Medicaid participating providers with demonstrated  
2       stabilization needs and a plan to achieve sustainability shall be eligible to apply  
3       for funds appropriated pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.  
4       B.1100(o)(4), including substance use residential treatment facilities, federally  
5       qualified health centers, residential mental health providers, and other  
6       providers of health care and human services.

7       (b) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health  
8       Access shall submit a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on  
9       Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on  
10       Appropriations. The report shall include:

11           (1) A detailed account of grants distributed pursuant to the appropriation  
12           made in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100(o)(4), as added by this  
13           act. This shall include the dollar amount and recipient of each grant.

14           (2) A description of each grant recipient's financial status prior to  
15           receipt of the grant, a summary of the impact of the grant for each recipient,  
16           and a summary of a revised long-term sustainability plan for each grant  
17           recipient.

18           (3) An analysis of grant outcomes and any recommendations for  
19           enhancing the financial stability of Vermont Medicaid providers.

20       Sec. 84. ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL

21           COMPLETION PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL STUDENTS

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

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

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

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

12       Sec. 85. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;  
13                DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

14       (a) For the remainder of federal fiscal year 2025, the Department for  
15       Children and Families shall utilize the State's allocation of discretionary  
16       exemptions in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to the extent  
17       permitted by federal regulation for the purposes of:

18                (1) extending benefits to Program participants who would otherwise  
19       experience a disruption of benefits; and

20                (2) ensuring that Program participants are not accruing any time-limited  
21       benefit work requirement countable months.

1 Sec. 86. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 19, Secs. 5 and 6 are amended to read:

2 Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

3 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

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

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

9 Sec. 87. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 15b, as added by 2024 Acts and  
10 Resolves No. 162, is amended to read:

11 Sec. 15b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

12 (a) The sum of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$100,000 is appropriated in ~~FY~~ fiscal year  
13 2025 to the Sergeant at Arms for the following projects:

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

15 (2) the purchase and installation at the State House of an X-ray machine  
16 designed to screen baggage.

17 Sec. 88. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.321 is amended to read:

18 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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20 (b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a  
21 community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate

1 community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human  
2 Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be  
3 provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available,  
4 until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the  
5 district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision  
6 shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024 through  
7 November 30, 2024 ~~and between April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.~~

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9 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to  
10 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section  
11 between December 1, 2024 and ~~March 31, June 30, 2025.~~ Emergency housing  
12 in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward  
13 the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision  
14 (2) of this subsection.

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16 Sec. 89. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 82, Sec. 1, as amended by 2024 Acts and  
17 Resolves No. 108, Sec. 3, is further amended to read:

18 Sec. 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE  
19 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE ABATED DUE  
20 TO FLOODING

1           (a)(1) The Commissioner of Taxes may approve an application by a  
2           municipality for reimbursement of State education property tax payments owed  
3           under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16 V.S.A. § 426. To be eligible for  
4           reimbursement under this section, prior to November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a  
5           municipality must have abated, in proportion to the abated municipal tax,  
6           under 24 V.S.A. § 1535 the State education property taxes that were assessed  
7           on eligible property, after application of any property tax credit allowed under  
8           32 V.S.A. chapter 154.

9           (2) As used in this subsection, “eligible property” means property lost  
10          or destroyed due directly or indirectly to severe storms and flooding in an area  
11          that was declared a federal disaster between July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~  
12          December 31, 2024, provided the loss or destruction resulted in one or more of  
13          the following:

14                 (A) a 50 percent or greater loss in value to the primary structure on  
15          the property;

16                 (B) loss of use by the property owner of the primary structure on the  
17          property for 60 days or more;

18                 (C) loss of access by the property owner to utilities for the primary  
19          structure on the property for 60 days or more; or

20                 (D) condemnation of the primary structure on the property under  
21          federal, State, or municipal law, as applicable.

1 (b) If a municipality demonstrates that, due to disruption to tax collections  
2 resulting from flooding in an area that was declared a federal disaster between  
3 July 1, 2023 and ~~October 15, 2023~~ December 31, 2024, the municipality  
4 incurred unanticipated interest expenses on funds borrowed to make State  
5 education property tax payments owed under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16  
6 V.S.A. § 426, the municipality may be reimbursed by an amount equal to its  
7 reasonable interest expenses under this subsection, provided the amount of  
8 reimbursed interest expenses shall not exceed eight percent.

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10 Sec. 90. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106 is amended to read:

11 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

12 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT  
13 OF NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

14 \* \* \*

15 (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall revert all  
16 unobligated American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
17 Fund spending authority prior to December 31, 2024. The total amount of  
18 American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
19 spending authority reverted in accordance with this subsection shall equal the  
20 amount of new spending authority established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 for  
21 the following purposes in the following order:



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(3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units; including improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based services.

Sec. 91. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund, Transportation Fund, Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund, Education Fund, Technology Modernization Special Fund (21951), Clean Water Fund (21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, General Fund appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Legislative and Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

1       Sec. 92. EFFECTIVE DATES

2           (a) This act shall take effect on passage, except that, notwithstanding

3       1 V.S.A. § 214:

4           (1) Sec. 66 shall take effect retroactively on July 1, 2024; and

5           (2) Sec. 89 shall take effect retroactively on November 15, 2024.