

**FISCAL YEAR 2026 BIG BILL
HOUSE AND SENATE
LANGUAGE COMPARISON**

Language from House	Senate Bill Section	Language from Senate
<p><i>Change in (c)(1) to reflect House change to municipal program; adds funds for Urban Search and Rescue in (d)(3); adds funds for a fire apparatus in (f)(1); reduces PCB funds in (g)(1); adds funds for Empty Arms in (g)(2); adds funds for recovery residences in (g)(3); reduces funds for DOC consultant in (i)(1); adds language for Education Transformation funds in (j)(1); reduces funds for Tuition Advantage Program in (k)(1); reduces Environmental Contingency Fund monies for PCBs in (m)(3); adds Cash Fund appropriation for IJA match in (m)(4); reduces funds for limited service position in (n)(1); reduces funds for Vermont Bond Bank in (n)(2); reduces funds for VHFA Rental Revolving Loan Fund in (n)(3); reduces funds for VHFA Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program in (n)(4); adds funds for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program 2.0 in (n)(5); adds funds for the development of housing and related infrastructure in (n)(6); adds funds for the Residential Universal Design Study Committee in (n)(7); reduces funds for the Vermont Professionals of Color Network in (o)(1); adds funds for VHCB in (p)(1); adds funds for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program in (q)(1); adds funds for the Payment Reform Unit in (r)(1); adds funds for the OneCare primary care model transition in (r)(2); adds funds for SASH and Blueprint for Health programs in (r)(3); adds funds for UVM Tech Hub in (s)(1); adds funds for Crop Cash in (t)(1); adds funds for Vermonters Feeding Vermonters in (t)(2); adds funds for HomeShare in (u)(1); adds funds for Freedom and Unity grants in (v)(1); adds funds for USS Vermont Support Group in (w)(1); adds funds for Vermont Council on the Arts State match in (x)(1); adds funds for the Mileage-Based User Fee Program in (y)(1); adds Transportation Fund monies for EVSE charging ports in (y)(2); adds funds for Advance Vermont in (z)(1).</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) <u>Agency of Administration Secretary's Office.</u> In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>Department of Human Resources.</u> In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$1,575,000 General Fund for the Classification Modernization project.</u></p>	<p>B.1100</p>	<p><i>Adds funds for IDEAL Vermont in (a)(2); adds PILOT Fund monies for the Municipal Technical Assistance Program in (a)(3); adds funds for Community Radio Stations in (d)(3); adds funds for S.126 initiatives in (e)(2)-(e)(5); adds funds for Serve, Learn, and Earn in (f)(1); moves fire apparatus funds to B.1103 (capital bill appropriations); funds recovery residences with Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund in (g)(3); adds Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund monies for recovery centers in (g)(4); adds Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund monies for youth mentoring programs in (g)(5); adds Tobacco Litigation Settlement Special Fund monies for smoking cessation initiatives in (g)(6); adds funds for Vermont Foodbank's network partner food shelves in (h)(3); adds funds for Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity Community Resource Center in (h)(4); adds funds for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program in (h)(5); increases funds for the DOC consultant in (i)(1); adds funds for home based child care meals in (j)(1); adds funds for the Lake Champlain Fishing Derby in (l)(3); increases Environmental Contingency Fund monies for PCBs in (m)(3); increases funds for the Vermont Bond Bank in (n)(1); modifies appropriation for VHFA programs in (n)(2); increases funds for Vermont Housing Improvement Program 2.0 in (n)(3); adds funds for the Small Business Technical Assistance Exchange in (o)(2); adds funds for the Vermont Ireland Trade Commission in (o)(3); adds funds for Brownfields Revitalization Fund in (o)(4); adds funds for financial modeling in (q)(2); increases funds for Crop Cash and adds Crop Cash Plus to appropriation in (t)(1); adds funds for Vermont Local Food for Schools and Child Care grants in (t)(3); adds funds for Conservation Districts in (t)(4); adds funds for grants to skilled nursing facilities in (u)(2); adds Transportation Fund monies for public transit agencies to hire volunteer coordinators in (y)(2); adds funds for grants to support local civic journalism in (aa)(1); adds funds for staff and IT costs at OPR in (aa)(2); adds funds for fee waivers in (aa)(3); adds funds for staff and IT costs at OPR in (aa)(4); adds funds for reference-based pricing contracts in (bb)(1); adds HIT Fund monies for standardization of electronic hospital budget data in (bb)(2); adds funds for IT server capacity in (cc)(1); adds funds for the Orleans County staff office in (cc)(2); adds funds for the Addison County staff office in (cc)(3); adds funds for digital infrastructure development relating to RPC mapping projects in (dd)(1).</i></p>

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<p><u>(c) Department of Taxes. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program as established per Sec. E.142.2 of this act. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$600,000 General Fund for State match for federal cybersecurity grant funds;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$800,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio equipment; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$475,000 General Fund for the Urban Search and Rescue Team.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$4,448,520 General Fund and \$6,351,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for the Support and Services at Home program and the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health.</u></p> <p><u>(f) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$275,000 General Fund for the purchase of a fire apparatus.</u></p> <p><u>(g) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$240,000 General Fund for Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$40,000 General Fund for a grant to Empty Arms Vermont; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$300,000 General Fund for recovery residencies certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences.</u></p> <p><u>(h) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$2,000,000 General Fund for shelter capacity expansion; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$30,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program.</u></p> <p><u>(i) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>		<p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$220,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an additional two years; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Technical Assistance Program as established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 95.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Department of Human Resources. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,575,000 General Fund for the Classification Modernization project.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Department of Taxes. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,000,000 PILOT Special Fund for the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program as established per Sec. E.142.2 of this act. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Department of Public Safety. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$600,000 General Fund for State match for federal cybersecurity grant funds;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$800,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio equipment; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$150,000 General Fund for Community Radio Stations.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$4,448,520 General Fund and \$6,351,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for the Support and Services at Home program and the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,250,000 General Fund for feasibility analysis and transformation plan development with hospitals, designated agencies, primary care organizations, and other community-based providers;</u></p>

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<p>(1) <u>\$200,000 General Fund to retain a consultant and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp or parts of either or of both to a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.</u></p> <p>(j) <u>Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$4,000,000 General Fund to provide additional resources during the State's education transformation upon approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee subsequent to submission by the Agency of a detailed, unambiguous plan of expenditures related to the transformation of the public education system. The Joint Fiscal Committee shall consult with the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Education when reviewing the Agency's plan.</u></p> <p>(k) <u>Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$500,000 General Fund for the Community College of Vermont Tuition Advantage Program; and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$5,000,000 General Fund for the final transformation bridge financing payment.</u></p> <p>(l) <u>Department of Fish and Wildlife. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$185,000 Fish and Wildlife Nondedicated Special Fund to sustain current operations as the Department undergoes a financial restructuring. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$80,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio equipment.</u></p> <p>(m) <u>Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$50,000 General Fund for Municipal Wastewater Connections database;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$850,000 General Fund for the Confined Animals Feeding Operation database project and contractor support;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$5,520,000 Environmental Contingency Fund For Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing and remediation in schools. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$14,500,000 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Fund for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Drinking</u></p>		<p>(3) <u>\$125,000 General Fund for the development of quality and access measures, targets, and monitoring strategies for a statewide population health plan;</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$125,000 General Fund for the development of hospital global budgets and other alternative payment models for Medicare; and</u></p> <p>(5) <u>\$6,200 General Fund for per diems and expense reimbursement for members of the Office of New Americans Study Committee.</u></p> <p>(f) <u>Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Serve, Learn, and Earn Program.</u></p> <p>(g) <u>Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$240,000 General Fund for Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$40,000 General Fund for a grant to Empty Arms Vermont; and</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$300,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences;</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$800,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for recovery centers;</u></p> <p>(5) <u>\$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for grants to youth mentoring programs; and</u></p> <p>(6) <u>\$500,000 Tobacco Litigation Settlement Special Fund for grants to Parent Child Centers for smoking cessation initiatives.</u></p> <p>(h) <u>Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$2,000,000 General Fund for shelter capacity expansion;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$30,500,000 General Fund for the General Assistance Emergency Housing Program;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$1,000,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank's network partner food shelves and pantries through an equitable statewide distribution of food or subgrants or both;</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$500,000 General Fund for the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity Community Resource Center; and</u></p> <p>(5) <u>\$156,000 General Fund for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program.</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>

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<p><u>Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund, in accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(b).</u></p> <p>(n) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$150,000 General Fund for one limited service position to continue for an additional year;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$7,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Bond Bank Vermont Infrastructure Sustainability Fund;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$7,500,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency Rental Revolving Loan Fund;</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$10,000,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency Middle-Income Homeownership Development Program;</u></p> <p>(5) <u>\$4,150,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Improvement Program 2.0 and for one position to support the Program;</u></p> <p>(6) <u>\$2,000,000 General Fund for the development of housing and related infrastructure; and</u></p> <p>(7) <u>\$15,000 General Fund for the Residential Universal Design Study Committee.</u></p> <p>(o) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$200,000 General Fund for the Vermont Professionals of Color Network.</u></p> <p>(p) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$5,000,000 General Fund 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.</u></p> <p>(q) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$148,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.</u></p>		<p>(1) <u>\$250,000 General Fund to retain a consultant and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp or parts of either or of both to a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.</u></p> <p>(j) <u>Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>\$150,000 General Fund for administrative costs relating to home-based child care meals.</u></p> <p>(k) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$5,000,000 General Fund for the final transformation bridge financing payment.</u></p> <p>(l) Department of Fish and Wildlife. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$185,000 Fish and Wildlife Nondedicated Special Fund to sustain current operations as the Department undergoes a financial restructuring. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$80,000 General Fund for the purchase of mobile and portable radio equipment; and</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$30,000 General Fund for the Lake Champlain International Fishing Derby.</u></p> <p>(m) Department of Environmental Conservation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) <u>\$50,000 General Fund for Municipal Wastewater Connections database;</u></p> <p>(2) <u>\$850,000 General Fund for the Concentrated Animals Feeding Operation database project and contractor support;</u></p> <p>(3) <u>\$9,520,000 Environmental Contingency Fund For Polychlorinated Biphenyl testing and remediation in schools. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted; and</u></p> <p>(4) <u>\$14,500,000 Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Fund for the State match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Clean Water State Revolving Fund, in accordance with the provisions of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(b).</u></p> <p>(n) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</p>

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<p><u>1 and 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charging ports at workplaces or multiunit dwellings, or both.</u></p> <p><u>(z) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.</u></p>		<p><u>up to \$700,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(r) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$835,420 General Fund for the Payment Reform Unit;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$3,119,310 General Fund for the OneCare primary care model transition;</u></p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at Home program and the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health Team services under the Blueprint for Health.</u></p> <p><u>(s) University of Vermont. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$750,000 General Fund for the Vermont Gallium Nitride Tech Hub.</u></p> <p><u>(t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$450,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash and Crop Cash Plus programs;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$500,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$1,000,000 General Fund to offer Vermont Local Food for Schools and Child Care grants within the Rozo McLaughlin Farm to School Grants Program to fund grants for the purchase and distribution of local food to schools, registered, and licensed child care programs; and</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$500,000 General Fund to support Vermont’s 14 Natural Resources Conservation Districts.</u></p> <p><u>(u) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$500,000 General Fund for grants to skilled nursing facilities to increase the pipeline of employed licensed nursing assistants, including increasing the capacity of new and existing facility-based training programs, and developing or expanding collaborations with other programs, including career and technical education programs. Grants may support training program costs, paid internships, student support, and recruitment and retention bonuses.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(A) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (u)(2) of this section, \$150,000 shall be for grants of \$30,000 or less.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Of the funds appropriated in subdivision (u)(2) of this section, \$350,000 shall be for up to three grants.</u></p> <p><u>(v) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,500,000 General Fund for Freedom and Unity grants.</u></p> <p><u>(w) Military Department. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$10,000 General Fund for the USS Vermont Support Group.</u></p> <p><u>(x) Vermont Council on the Arts. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$68,737 General Fund for State match for federal funds.</u></p> <p><u>(y) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$1,400,000 Transportation Fund for transfer to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development for programs to increase access to level 1 and 2 Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment charging ports at workplaces or multiunit dwellings, or both; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$600,000 Transportation Fund for the purpose of providing grants to the public transit agencies to hire volunteer coordinators who shall be responsible for the identification, recruitment, and retention of volunteers to provide transportation services to individuals enrolled in the State's demand response transportation programs.</u></p> <p><u>(z) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.</u></p> <p><u>(aa) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$50,000 General Fund for grants to support local civic journalism;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$306,210 General Fund for staff and IT costs at the Office of Professional Regulation relating to the implementation of S.119 of 2025;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$963,681 General Fund for fee waivers relating to the implementation of S.119 of 2025; and</u></p>

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		<p><u>(4) \$25,000 General Fund for staff and IT costs at the Office of Professional Regulation relating to the implementation of certifications of perinatal doulas and birthing centers.</u></p> <p><u>(bb) Green Mountain Care Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$500,000 General Fund for contracts, including contracts for assistance with implementing reference-based pricing; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding any provision of 32 V.S.A. § 10301 to the contrary, \$150,000 Vermont Health Information Technology Special Fund for expenses associated with increased standardization of electronic hospital budget data submissions.</u></p> <p><u>(cc) Office of the Defender General. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$30,000 General Fund to enhance IT server capacity;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$87,500 General Fund for the Orleans County staff office; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$20,000 General Fund for the Addison County staff office.</u></p> <p><u>(dd) Land Use Review Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$100,000 General Fund for development of digital infrastructure relating to regional planning commission mapping projects.</u></p>
<p><i>Adds language directing F&M to fulfill requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 (General Fund Stabilization Reserve) and Act 113 Sec. D.103 (BAA language carrying forward \$136,000,000 from FY25 to FY26) and then reserve remaining funds for federal funding shortfalls. Allows JFC to make recommendations to the E-Board on the transfer of those funds when the General Assembly is not in session.</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT</p> <p><u>(a) As part of the fiscal year 2025 closeout, the Department of Finance and Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308 and any reserve requirements pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113 Sec. D.103. If any balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall reserve the remaining funds for future appropriations to address potential federal funding shortfalls.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2026, while the General Assembly is not in session, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make recommendations to the Emergency Board on the transfer of funds reserved following the execution of the requirements of 32 V.S.A.</u></p>	<p>B.1101</p>	<p><i>Adds language directing F&M to fulfill requirements of 32 V.S.A. 308 (General Fund Stabilization Reserve) and designate the first \$138,970,000 of remaining funds as unallocated carryforward to use to execute contingent transactions made in subsection (b). Any remaining funds directed to be reserved according to 32 V.S.A. § 308c (Rainy Day Fund/Pension split). Contingent transactions are \$5,000,000 to the Communications and Information Technology Special Fund for the billable services transition and \$45,000,000 to be appropriated to the Agency of Administration for E-Board transfer in the event of federal funding shortfalls.</i></p> <p>Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2025 CLOSEOUT</p> <p><u>(a) As part of the fiscal year 2025 closeout, the Department of Finance and Management shall execute the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308. If any balance remains after meeting these requirements, then, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the Department of Finance and Management shall designate the first \$138,970,000 as unallocated carryforward for use in meeting the requirements of the fiscal year</u></p>

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<p><u>§ 308 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. The Emergency Board is authorized to transfer funds to achieve the purposes of Joint Fiscal Committee recommendations made pursuant to this subsection.</u></p>		<p><u>2026 appropriations act as passed by the General Assembly. The Department of Finance and Management shall then, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c, calculate the maximum number of contingent transactions that can be funded, in the order provided in subsection (b) of this section, and designate that money to remain unallocated for such purpose in fiscal year 2026. Any residual balance remaining after such designations shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2026, the following contingent transactions shall be executed in the following order from the designated unallocated balance as determined in subsection (a) of this section:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$5,000,000 is transferred to the Communications and Information Technology Special Fund to cover the costs of transitioning billable services from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise services model.</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$45,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. §133 if federal funds are reduced while the General Assembly is not in session.</u></p>
<p><i>Cash Fund Subaccount A appropriations to align with House Capital Bill.</i> Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, \$11,331,099 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Department of Buildings and General Services:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$861,599 for statewide major maintenance;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$250,000 for statewide planning, reuse, and contingency;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$250,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$219,500 State House repointing;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$250,000 for an uninterruptable power supply system for the Middlesex print and postal facility; and</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$8,000,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in White River Junction.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Vermont Veterans' Home:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of the American Unit.</u></p>	<p>B.1103</p>	<p><i>Cash Fund Subaccount A appropriations to align with Senate Capital Bill.</i> Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, \$14,061,099 is appropriated from the Capital Infrastructure subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Department of Buildings and General Services:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$861,599 for statewide major maintenance;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$250,000 for statewide planning, reuse, and contingency;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$250,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$219,500 for State House repointing;</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$250,000 for an uninterruptable power supply system for the Middlesex print and postal facility; and</u></p> <p><u>(F) \$6,900,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Windsor County Courthouse in White River Junction.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Vermont Veterans' Home:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$1,500,000 for the design and construction of the American Unit.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Department of Housing and Community Development:</u></p>

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		<p><u>(A) \$1,100,000 for Bennington, high school redevelopment housing infrastructure;</u></p> <p><u>(B) \$1,000,000 for Barre, Prospect Heights housing infrastructure;</u></p> <p><u>(C) \$1,000,000 for Brattleboro, Winston Prouty Center housing infrastructure;</u></p> <p><u>(D) \$100,000 for a grant to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission to support a site study focused on economic development, parking, housing, and flood mitigation for the 1.6-acre parcel at 87 State Street and parcels at 89 State Street and 42 Court Street; and</u></p> <p><u>(E) \$250,000 for a competitive grant to establish a new recovery residence, per the criteria of the Vermont Recovery Housing Program Action Plan.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Department of Forest, Parks and Recreation:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$275,000 for the purchase of a fire apparatus.</u></p> <p><u>(5) Department of Fish and Wildlife:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$25,000 for the Lake Champlain Walleye Association, Inc. to upgrade and repair the Walleye rearing, restoration, and stocking infrastructure.</u></p> <p><u>(6) Department of Public Safety:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$35,000 for the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the dry hydrant program.</u></p> <p><u>(7) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets:</u></p> <p><u>(A) \$45,000 for the Bennington Veterans Incubator Farm at the Vermont Veterans' Home.</u></p>
<p><i>Reduces Gov. Rec. Transportation Fund FY25 transfer to the TIB Fund by \$1.4 million.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.102 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) From the Transportation Fund to the:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(E) <u>Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191): \$900,000</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	C.102	<p><i>Incorporates all FY25 transfers that were in BAA.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.102 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:</p> <p>(1) From the General Fund to the:</p> <p>(A) <u>General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):</u> \$73,212,880 <u>\$78,235,088.34.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(J) <u>Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555):</u> \$830,000 <u>\$6,500,000.</u></p> <p>(K) <u>Education Fund (#20205): \$25,000,000.</u></p> <p>(L) <u>Medical Insurance Fund (#55100): \$18,500,000.</u></p> <p>(M) <u>Correctional Industries Fund (#59100): \$3,135,443.</u></p>

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		<p> (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. (C) Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191): \$900,000. (D) Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c), the Transportation Fund transfer to the Central Garage fund in fiscal year 2025 shall be \$0. *** (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025: (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from the funds indicated: (A) Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998): \$12,000,000 \$15,417,084.32. (B) AHS Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005): \$4,641,960. (C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$7,000,000 \$6,139,162. (D) Liquor Control Fund (#50300): \$21,100,000 \$2,543,353. (E) Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund (#21370): \$3,000,000. (F) Financial Institutions Supervision Fund (#21065): \$1,100,000. (F) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913): \$2,598,921.75. (G) Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (#21994): the balance of the fund at the close of fiscal year 2025. (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory requirements. (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638): \$2,000,000. (B) Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): \$6,500,000 \$8,242,871. </p>

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		<p>(3) \$66,935,000 <u>\$65,260,450.50</u> of the net unencumbered fund balances in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.</p> <p>(c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal year <u>years</u> 2025 <u>and</u> <u>2026</u>, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal share of an approved project for municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 <u>and 2024</u> flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and <u>DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT</u> may be advanced at the request of a municipality.</p> <p>(2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for municipalities in counties that were impacted by the August and December 2023 <u>and 2024</u> flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and <u>DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT</u>.</p> <p>***</p>
<p><i>Adds in FY25 one-time appropriations for grants to flood-impacted municipalities, VHCB for developmentally disabled housing pilot, and Judiciary network/bathroom renovation. Reduces appropriation to Treasurer added by the second BAA.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100 as amended by the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>***</p> <p>(v) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p>	C.103	<p><i>Adds in all FY25 one-time appropriation changes that were in the second BAA. Moves out reversion date for municipal grant funds. Splits out Judiciary appropriation into two appropriations. Does not amend Treasurer appropriation as it does not exist.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.103 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1100, as amended by the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2025 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>***</p> <p><u>(d) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p>

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<p>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and DR-4762-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency related projects</p> <p><u>\$1,800,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4810-VT and DR-4744-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic impacts of 2023 and 2024 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency-related projects.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(i) \$75,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has at least \$5,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(ii) \$50,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$5,000,000 and at least \$2,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(iii) \$30,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$2,000,000 and at least \$1,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(iv) \$20,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$1,000,000 and at least \$250,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(v) \$10,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$250,000 and at least \$100,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(8) \$835,073 General Fund for the Bridges to Health Program; and</p> <p>(9) \$400,000 <u>\$550,000</u> General Fund for the Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey; and</p> <p><u>(10) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health equity.</u></p> <p>(e) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) \$1,034,065 General Fund to extend 10 Economic Services Division limited service positions, including associated operating costs, in support of the General Assistance Emergency Housing program; and</p> <p>(3) \$332,000 General Fund for a 2-1-1 service line contract to operate 24 hours seven days per week;</p> <p><u>(4) \$340,000 General Fund and \$660,000 federal funds for the Office of Child Support mainframe transition planning. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 703, unless otherwise reverted by a future act of the General Assembly, these appropriations shall carry forward until fully expended; and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$1,800,000 General Fund shall be added to the appropriation made in Sec. B.1102(b)(4) of this act for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(n) Agency of Human Services Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$3,913,200 <u>\$5,586,324</u> General Fund and \$5,366,383 <u>\$7,713,259</u> federal funds to be used for Global Commitment match for the Medicaid Global Payment Program. To the extent that at a future date the Global Payment Program ceases to operate as a program or changes methodology to a retrospective payment program, any resulting one-time General Fund spending authority remaining at that time shall be reverted. If the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b has not been replenished in accordance with subdivision (b)(21) of Sec. B.1102 of this act, the remaining unallocated General Fund balance shall be reserved in the Human Services Caseload Reserve established in 32 V.S.A. § 308b up to the amount appropriated in this subdivision.</p> <p>(o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</p>

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<p><u>(B) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) have not been granted on or before June 30, 2025, they shall revert to the General Fund and be transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) are insufficient to distribute grants to all eligible municipalities in their full amount, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, utilize excess receipt authority to expend funds from the PILOT Special Fund for this purpose.</u></p> <p><u>(w) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$14,000,000 \$4,000,000 General Fund for redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to maturity.</u></p> <p><u>(x) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$2,800,000 General Fund to complete pilot projects identified pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186.</u></p> <p><u>(y) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$850,000 General Fund, of which \$800,000 shall be to upgrade the network wiring and security systems in county court houses and \$50,000 shall be to upgrade or construct bathrooms in the Essex Meeting House that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.</u></p>		<p><u>(1) \$9,279,583 \$13,299,583 Global Commitment for the Medicaid Global Payment Program;</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$150,000 General Fund to conduct a technical analysis of Vermont's health insurance markets; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$100,000 General Fund to implement the expansion of Medicare Savings Programs eligibility;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$10,000,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants; and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$11,000,000 General Fund for an alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of Global Commitment Fund spending authority may be requested during the Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(v) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$200,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities that were impacted by the August and December 2023 flooding events in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT and DR-4762-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic impacts of the August and December 2023 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency related projects</u></p> <p><u>\$1,800,000 General Fund for local economic damage grants to municipalities in counties that are eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster declarations DR-4810-VT and DR-4744-VT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that these local economic damage grants be distributed to municipalities throughout the State to address the secondary economic impacts of 2023 and 2024 flooding events. Monies from these grants shall not be expended on Federal Emergency Management Agency-related projects.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(A) The funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) for local economic damage grants shall be distributed as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(i) \$75,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has at least \$5,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(ii) \$50,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$5,000,000 and at least \$2,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(iii) \$30,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$2,000,000 and at least \$1,000,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(iv) \$20,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$1,000,000 and at least \$250,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(v) \$10,000 to each municipality that as of June 1, 2025 has less than \$250,000 and at least \$100,000 in estimated reported damages to public infrastructure relating to 2023 and 2024 flooding events.</u></p> <p><u>(B) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) have not been granted on or before September 30, 2025, they shall revert to the General Fund and be transferred to the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(C) To the extent that the funds appropriated in this subdivision (v)(1) are insufficient to distribute grants to all eligible municipalities in their full amount, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511, utilize excess receipt authority to establish spending authority from the PILOT Special Fund for this purpose.</u></p> <p><u>(w) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$2,800,000 General Fund to complete pilot projects identified pursuant to 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 186.</u></p> <p><u>(x) Judiciary. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$800,000 General Fund to upgrade the network wiring and security systems in county court houses; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$50,000 General Fund to upgrade or construct bathrooms in the Essex Meeting House that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.</u></p>

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<p><i>Removed Gov. Rec. Language regarding a change to a \$15,000,000 appropriation (incorporated into BAA).</i></p> <p>Sec. C.104 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100 as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds <u>non-federal share related to disaster spending for costs incurred due to the July 2023 flooding event federally declared disasters in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>	C.104	<p><i>Adds in all BAA changes to FY24 one-time appropriations.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.104 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 40, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2024 ONE-TIME APPROPRIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Agency of Administration. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) \$2,300,000 General Fund to create, implement, and oversee a comprehensive statewide language access plan;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) \$15,000,000 General Fund to be used to offset the cost of denied claims for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) federal reimbursement <u>related to presidentially declared disasters in fiscal year 2024 or 2025, or to fund unanticipated statewide costs related to recovery efforts from declared disasters or administering programs created by funds from the American Rescue Plan Act – State Fiscal Recovery Fund, including the costs of related limited-service positions, and contracting for programs and services.</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health equity. These funds shall not be released until the recommendation and report required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act, regarding the permanent administrative location for the Office of Health Equity, is provided to the committees of jurisdiction listed in Sec. E.100.1 of this act and the positions in the Office of Health Equity created by this act are filled.</p> <p>(4) \$30,000,000 General Fund to be used as Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) matching funds <u>nonfederal share related to disaster spending for costs incurred due to the July 2023 flooding event federally declared disasters in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) Agency of Human Services Central Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) \$8,834,000 General Fund and \$11,483,302 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program. Funds shall be used to expand the substances covered by the program, include mental health and pediatric screenings, and make strategic investments with</p>

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		<p><u>community partners; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(m) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$366,066 General Fund and \$372,048 Federal Revenue Fund #22005 for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; <u>unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;</u></p> <p>(2) \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; <u>unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;</u> and</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$4,595,448 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Division of Substance Use Programs for a two-year pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; <u>unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(ee) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the following:</p> <p>(1) \$250,000 for per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses for members of the Task Force on Economic Development Incentives and for consulting services approved by the Task Force <u>consulting services related to legislative needs identified in the 2025-2026 biennium, including analysis of legislative staff compensation and organizational structure and implementation of adjustments in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint Legislative Management Committee.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Amended BAA-added language to reserve \$136,000,000 in FY25 to use in FY26.</i> Sec. C.106 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103 as amended by the fiscal year 2025 budget adjustment act is further amended to read: Sec. D.103 RESERVES</p>	C.106	<p><i>No BAA, no Sec. C.106.</i> Sec. C.106 [Deleted.]</p>

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<p>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:</p> <p>(1) General Fund.</p> <p>(D) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a), up to \$133,500,000 \$136,000,000 otherwise subject to the requirements of this provision shall, instead, be reserved for permanent housing, property tax relief, and any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. The requirements of this subdivision (D) shall extend past July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year and expire upon completion of the current fiscal year's accounting closure period.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Clarifies Gov. Rec. language regarding use of funds authorized by E-Board for BEGAP to allow for \$2,000,000 to be for VEDA disaster relief fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. C.107 BUSINESS EMERGENCY GAP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; VERMONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GRANT</p> <p><u>(a) Of the \$7,000,000 General Fund authorized by unanimous vote of the Emergency Board on August 12, 2024 for the Business Emergency Gap Assistance Program, \$2,000,000 shall be used for a grant to the Vermont Economic Development Authority to establish a disaster relief fund for use by businesses following a natural disaster.</u></p>	C.107	No change.
<p><i>Updates Cash Fund transfer, reduces CIT Fund transfer, reduces Environmental Contingency Fund transfer, adds Crime Victims Restitution Fund transfer.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p>(1) From the General Fund (#10000) to the:</p> <p>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$81,155,462.</p> <p>(B) Capital Infrastructure Fund (#21952): \$7,542,469.</p> <p>(C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$4,300,000.</p> <p>(D) Fish and Wildlife Fund – Nondedicated (#20305): \$185,000.</p> <p>(E) Education Fund (#20205): \$77,200,000.</p>	D.101	<p><i>Updates Cash Fund transfer, increases Environmental Contingency Fund transfer, updates Cannabis and Substance Misuse Prevention transfers to latest data, adds Child Care Contribution Special Fund transfer, corrects two fund names. SEE FUND TRANSFER SHEET FOR LATEST/MOST ACCURATE DOLLAR AMOUNTS.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:</u></p> <p>(1) From the General Fund (#10000) to the:</p> <p>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$81,155,462.</p> <p>(B) Capital Infrastructure Fund (#21952): \$7,542,469. \$10,272,469.</p> <p>(C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$4,300,000.</p>

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<p><u>(F) Communications and Information Technology Fund (#58100): \$10,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(G) Environmental Contingency Fund (#21275): \$5,520,000.</u></p> <p><u>(H) Crime Victims Restitution Fund (#21915): \$450,000.</u></p> <p><u>(2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$305,825.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements Fund (#21575): \$523,966.</u></p> <p><u>(3) From the Education Fund (#20205) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,500,000.</u></p> <p><u>(4) From the Clean Water Fund (#21932) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$11,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938): \$120,000.</u></p> <p><u>(5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Fund (#21953) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$12,500,000.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$1,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(6) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): \$4,641,960.</u></p> <p><u>(7) From the Attorney General Fees and Reimbursement Court Order Fund (#21638) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): \$2,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(8) From the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget this amount is estimated to be \$5,900,000.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p>		<p><u>(D) Fish and Wildlife Fund – Nondedicated (#20305): \$185,000.</u></p> <p><u>(E) Education Fund (#20205): \$77,200,000.</u></p> <p><u>(F) Communications and Information Technology Fund (#58100): \$10,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(G) Environmental Contingency Fund (#21275): \$9,520,000.</u></p> <p><u>(H) Domestic and Sexual Violence Fund (#21926): \$450,000.</u></p> <p><u>(T) Farm Security Special Fund: \$1,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100): \$305,825.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvements Fund (#21575): \$523,966.</u></p> <p><u>(3) From the Education Fund (#20205) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909): \$1,500,000.</u></p> <p><u>(4) From the Clean Water Fund (#21932) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$11,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938): \$120,000.</u></p> <p><u>(5) From the Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments (#21953) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$12,500,000.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments Fund (#21952): \$1,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(6) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): \$4,641,960.</u></p> <p><u>(7) From the Attorney General Fees and Reimbursement Court Order Fund (#21638) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): \$2,000,000.</u></p> <p><u>(8) From the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998) to the:</u></p> <p><u>(A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of \$4,035,000 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be \$8,900,000.</u></p>

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<p><i>Reverts \$2,000,000 from VHFA.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:</u></p> <table><tr><td><u>1100892208 AOA-VHFA</u></td><td><u>\$2,000,000.00</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>1210892201 LEG-Pension Benefit Consul</u></td><td><u>\$8,821.25</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u></td><td><u>\$59,673.09</u></td></tr></table>	<u>1100892208 AOA-VHFA</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>	<u>1210892201 LEG-Pension Benefit Consul</u>	<u>\$8,821.25</u>	<u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u>	<u>\$59,673.09</u>	D.102	<p><i>Reverts \$6,000,000 from Treasurer Bond Redemption appropriation.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the accounts indicated:</u></p> <table><tr><td><u>1100892208 AOA – VHFA</u></td><td><u>\$2,000,000.00</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>1210892201 LEG – Pension Benefit Consul</u></td><td><u>\$8,821.25</u></td></tr><tr><td><u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u></td><td><u>\$59,673.09</u></td></tr></table>	<u>1100892208 AOA – VHFA</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>	<u>1210892201 LEG – Pension Benefit Consul</u>	<u>\$8,821.25</u>	<u>1220891803 VT Tax Structure Comm</u>	<u>\$59,673.09</u>
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<p><i>Updates Stabilization Reserve number, adds reference to \$136,000,000 reserved in BAA.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.103 RESERVES</p> <p>(a) <u>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>General Fund.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>The General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308. For purposes of developing this budget, \$1,675,385 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(B) <u>The General Fund Human Services Caseload Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308b. For purposes of developing this budget, \$2,721,375 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(C) <u>The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$5,700,000 is expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(D) <u>The amount reserved per 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. D.103(a)(1) (D) shall be unreserved in fiscal year 2026. For purposes of developing this budget, \$136,000,000 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>\$12,500,000 is unreserved for transfer to the Transportation Fund for use by the Agency of Transportation in accordance with the provisions for which the funds were originally reserved in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1102(b)(17).</u></p> <p>(B) <u>\$14,500,000 is unreserved for use by the Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with the provisions for which the funds were originally reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(b).</u></p> <p>(3) <u>Transportation Fund.</u></p>	D.103	<p><i>Updates Stabilization Reserve number, removes BAA reference, reserves \$5,000,000 in the Child Care Contribution Special Fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. D.103 RESERVES</p> <p>(a) <u>Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>General Fund.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>The General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308. For purposes of developing this budget, \$1,875,385 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(B) <u>The General Fund Human Services Caseload Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308b. For purposes of developing this budget, \$2,721,375 is expected to be unreserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(C) <u>The General Fund 27/53 Reserve shall be adjusted in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308e. For purposes of developing this budget, \$5,700,000 is expected to be reserved in fiscal year 2026.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash for Capital and Essential Investments Fund.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>\$12,500,000 is unreserved for transfer to the Transportation Fund for use by the Agency of Transportation in accordance with the provisions for which the funds were originally reserved in 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. B.1102(b)(17).</u></p> <p>(B) <u>\$14,500,000 is unreserved for use by the Department of Environmental Conservation in accordance with the provisions for which the funds were originally reserved in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.108(b).</u></p> <p>(3) <u>Transportation Fund.</u></p> <p>(A) <u>For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Fund Stabilization Reserve’s requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, fiscal year 2025 Transportation Fund reversions are deducted from the fiscal year 2025 total appropriations amount.</u></p>

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<p>(A) For the purpose of calculating the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Fund Stabilization Reserve's requirement of five percent of prior year appropriations, fiscal year 2025 Transportation Fund reversions are deducted from the fiscal year 2025 total appropriations amount.</p>		<p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2025, \$5,000,000 shall be reserved within the Child Care Contribution Special Fund. If in fiscal year 2026 the Child Care Contribution Special Fund is found to have an undesignated fund deficit, these funds shall be unreserved and used to the extent necessary to offset the deficit as determined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. If these funds are used in fiscal year 2026, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, or the Joint Fiscal Committee when the General Assembly is not in session, on the amount used.</u></p>
<p>Adds AG and HRC position language. Sec. E.100 POSITIONS <u>(a) The establishment of permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:</u> (1) <u>Permanent classified positions:</u> (A) <u>Office of the Attorney General:</u> (i) <u>one Pre-charge Administrator.</u> (b) <u>The establishment of permanent positions to be established through existing vacant positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:</u> (1) <u>Permanent exempt positions:</u> (A) <u>Human Rights Commission:</u> (i) <u>one Intake Specialist; and</u> (ii) <u>one Staff Attorney Investigator.</u></p>	<p>E.100</p>	<p>Adds SOS, GMCB, F&W, SLRB, State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, CJC, CCB, Treasurer, and LURB position language. Sec. E.100 POSITIONS <u>(a) The establishment of 12 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:</u> (1) <u>Permanent classified positions:</u> (A) <u>Office of the Attorney General:</u> (i) <u>one Pre-charge Administrator.</u> (B) <u>Office of the Secretary of State:</u> (i) <u>one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.</u> (C) <u>Green Mountain Care Board:</u> (i) <u>one Reference-based Pricing Director;</u> (ii) <u>one Reference-based Pricing Project Manager; and</u> (iii) <u>one Operations, Procurement, and Contractual Oversight Manager.</u> (D) <u>Department of Fish and Wildlife:</u> (i) <u>one Fish and Wildlife Specialist.</u> (2) <u>Permanent exempt positions:</u> (A) <u>State Labor Relations Board:</u> (i) <u>one Staff Attorney; and</u> (ii) <u>one Labor Relations IT Staff.</u> (B) <u>Office of the Attorney General:</u> (i) <u>one Assistant Attorney General.</u> (C) <u>Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:</u> (i) <u>one Financial and IT Specialist; and</u> (ii) <u>two Transport Deputies.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(b) The establishment of four permanent positions to be established through existing vacant positions is authorized in fiscal year 2026 for the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Permanent classified positions:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Criminal Justice Council:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Canine Head Trainer.</u></p> <p><u>(B) Cannabis Control Board:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Compliance and Enforcement Attorney.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Permanent exempt positions:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Human Rights Commission:</u></p> <p><u>(i) one Intake Specialist; and</u></p> <p><u>(ii) one Staff Attorney Investigator.</u></p> <p><u>(c) The establishment of one classified limited service position is authorized in fiscal year 2026:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Office of the State Treasurer:</u></p> <p><u>(A) one Climate Superfund Specialist.</u></p> <p><u>(d) The conversion of 11 limited service positions to permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Land Use Review Board:</u></p> <p><u>(A) two District Coordinators.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs:</u></p> <p><u>(A) six Deputy State's Attorneys;</u></p> <p><u>(B) two Legal Assistants; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) one Victim Advocate.</u></p>
<p>Adds language for a report on community-based organization funding.</p> <p>Sec. E.100.1 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The Secretary of Administration shall conduct a comprehensive analysis of the current funding structure for Vermont community-based organizations.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Community-based organizations as defined in this section may include area agencies on aging, community action agencies, designated agencies, and parent child centers.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Secretary of Administration shall submit a report to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2026 on the current funding structure of community-based organizations. The report shall include:</u></p> <p><u>(1) an evaluation of the current funding structure; and</u></p>	E.100.1	<p><i>Removes section; adds replacement language in Sec. E.300.2.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.100.1 [Deleted.]</p>

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(2) <u>an evaluation of the extent to which business or support service consolidation would impact expenditures.</u>		
<p><i>Directs Secretary of Administration to report on federal revenue reductions.</i> Sec. E 100.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON STATUS OF FEDERAL FUNDS</p> <p><u>(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July, September, and November 2025 meetings, and at other meetings as requested, on any reductions to federal revenues to the State and the status of any appropriations impacted by such reductions.</u></p>	E.100.2	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Directs Secretary of Administration to report on ARPA appropriations and General Fund appropriations for ARPA-related projects and revert any unencumbered spending authority on July 1, 2027. Directs Secretary of Administration to report on that reversion to JFC.</i> Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS; REPORTING</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Reports shall include information on:</u> (A) <u>the original amounts appropriated;</u> (B) <u>outstanding obligations against appropriations; and</u> (C) <u>any remaining spending authority.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of any new spending authority established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Reports shall include information on:</u> (A) <u>the original amounts appropriated;</u> (B) <u>outstanding obligations against appropriations; and</u> (C) <u>any remaining spending authority.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106(c) that remains</u></p>	E.100.3	<p><i>Extends reversion date to December 31, 2027. Makes reversion report due to Appropriations committees rather than JFC given timing of the reversion.</i> Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS; REPORTING</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Reports shall include information on:</u> (A) <u>the original amounts appropriated;</u> (B) <u>outstanding obligations against appropriations; and</u> (C) <u>any remaining spending authority.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the Committee, on the status of any new spending authority established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.</u></p> <p><u>(1) Reports shall include information on:</u> (A) <u>the original amounts appropriated;</u> (B) <u>outstanding obligations against appropriations; and</u> (C) <u>any remaining spending authority.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and (c) that remains unexpended and unencumbered on December 31, 2027 shall revert to the General Fund. Any unallocated balance resulting from this reversion shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve.</u></p>

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<p><u>unexpended and unencumbered on July 1, 2027 shall revert to the General Fund Balance Reserve.</u></p> <p><u>(d) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2027 meeting on the amount reverted to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.</u></p>		<p><u>(d) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2028 on the amount reverted to the General Fund and reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.</u></p>
<p><i>Directs ADS to request additional funding in BAA for billable services transition if funds transferred to CIT Fund are insufficient, rather than “billing back” to agencies and departments.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.105 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TRANSFER</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Digital Services shall utilize the funds transferred from the General Fund to the Communications and Information Technology Fund in Sec. D.101(a)(1)(F) of this act to cover the costs of transitioning billable services from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise services model. To the extent to which these funds are insufficient to complete this transition the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation or transfer of funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover the costs of the transition.</u></p>	E.105	<p><i>Technical correction.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.105 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FUND TRANSFER</p> <p><u>(a) In fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Digital Services shall utilize from the Internal Service Fund appropriation in Sec. B.105 of this act an amount of funds equal to that transferred from the General Fund to the Communications and Information Technology Fund in this act to cover the costs of transitioning billable services from a service level agreement model to a core enterprise services model. To the extent to which these funds are insufficient to complete this transition the Agency shall, as part of its fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment presentation, request an additional appropriation or transfer of funds and shall not bill other agencies or departments to cover the costs of the transition.</u></p>
<p><i>Annual Income Tax link-up language.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111 32 V.S.A. § 5824 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS</p> <p>The statutes of the United States relating to the federal income tax, as in effect on December 31, 2023 2024, but without regard to federal income tax rates under 26 U.S.C. § 1, are hereby adopted for the purpose of computing the tax liability under this chapter and shall continue in effect as adopted until amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the General Assembly.</p>	E.111	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Annual Income Tax link-up language.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111.1 32 V.S.A. § 7402 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 7402. DEFINITIONS</p> <p>As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(8) “Laws of the United States” means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2023 2024. As used in this chapter, “Internal Revenue Code” has the same meaning as “laws of the United States” as defined in this subdivision. The date through which amendments to the U.S.</p>	E.111.1	<p><i>No change</i></p>

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<p>Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are adopted under this subdivision shall continue in effect until amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the General Assembly.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Statute amendment to ensure that couples filing jointly at the federal level file jointly at the State level.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111.2 32 V.S.A. § 5861(c) is amended to read:</p> <p>(c) Spouses or a surviving spouse may <u>shall</u> file a joint Vermont personal income tax return for any taxable year for which the spouses <u>file</u> or <u>the</u> surviving spouse are permitted to file <u>files</u> a joint federal income tax return under the laws of the United States, <u>unless the Commissioner allows a different filing status.</u></p>	E.111.2	<i>No change.</i>
N/A	E.111.3	<p><i>Language to apply current law to tax exempt organizations in tax year 2025, regardless of any amendments or changes at the federal level.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.111.3 TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS; TAX YEAR 2025</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for purposes of determining the tax-exempt status of an organization, Vermont tax laws for tax year 2025 shall follow 26 U.S.C. §§ 501–506 and all other federal statutory provisions, federal regulations, and federal case law relating to the determination of an organization’s tax-exempt status for purposes of federal income taxation, as in effect on April 1, 2025, regardless of any amendments or other changes affecting implementation or interpretation of those sections between April 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025, whether due to an act of Congress, federal regulation, federal bulletin, federal guidance, presidential executive order, federal administrative or judicial decision, or other federal source.</u></p>
<p><i>Interim budget adjustment language; language relating to JFC recommendation to E-Board on said adjustments and potential use of General Fund Balance Reserve.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS</p> <p>(a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds enacted by the General Assembly and that major reductions or transfers, when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made whenever possible by an act of the General Assembly reflecting its revisions of those priorities. Nevertheless, the General Assembly also recognizes that when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce authorized appropriations and their sources of funding, and funds may need to be transferred, to maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited circumstances, it is the intent of the</p>	E.127	<p><i>Removed (b)(3) from statute, addressed in session law instead in Sec. E.127.3.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127 32 V.S.A. § 704 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 704. INTERIM BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS</p> <p>(a) The General Assembly recognizes that acts of appropriations and their sources of funding reflect the priorities for expenditures of public funds enacted by the General Assembly and that major reductions or transfers, when required by reduced State revenues or other reasons, ought to be made whenever possible by an act of the General Assembly reflecting its revisions of those priorities. Nevertheless, the General Assembly also recognizes that when it is not in session, it may be necessary to reduce authorized appropriations and their sources of funding, and funds may need to be transferred, to maintain a balanced State budget. Under these limited circumstances, it is the intent of the</p>

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<p>General Assembly that appropriations may be reduced and funds transferred when the General Assembly is not in session pursuant to the provisions of this section.</p> <p>(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure reduction plan for <u>consideration and approval</u> by the Joint Fiscal Committee <u>pursuant to subsection (e) of this section</u>, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate.</p> <p>(2) In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan under this subdivision if plan reductions to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection do not exceed five percent, the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this subsection.</p> <p><u>(3) In each instance that a reduction of federal funds results in a one percent or more reduction in the total federal funds anticipated in the most recent fiscal year appropriations act:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in federal funds; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) to maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most recent fiscal</u></p>		<p>General Assembly that appropriations may be reduced and funds transferred when the General Assembly is not in session pursuant to the provisions of this section.</p> <p>(b)(1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, in each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by one percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure reduction plan for <u>consideration and approval</u> by the Joint Fiscal Committee <u>pursuant to subsection (e) of this section</u>, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate.</p> <p>(2) In each instance that the official State revenue estimate for the General Fund, the Transportation Fund, or federal funds has been reduced by less than one percent from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the current fiscal year's appropriations, the Secretary of Administration may prepare and implement an expenditure reduction plan without the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee, provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in the official State revenue estimate. The Secretary may implement an expenditure reduction plan under this subdivision if plan reductions to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection do not exceed five percent, the plan is designed to minimize any negative effects on the delivery of services to the public, and the plan does not have any unduly disproportionate effect on any single function, program, service, benefit, or county. Plans not requiring the approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee shall be filed with the Joint Fiscal Office prior to implementation. If the Secretary's plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in subdivision (1) of this subsection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p><u>year appropriations act, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:</u></p> <p><u>(i) pursuant to subdivision 308c(b)(3) of this title, utilize the General Fund Balance Reserve to support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding level until the General Assembly is in session;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds or abolish any spending authority, or both; and</u></p> <p><u>(iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary to support the priorities of the General Assembly, and the recommended reduction is limited to not more than 10 percent of any fund or 10 percent of any appropriation.</u></p> <p><u>(4) In each instance that a reduction of federal funds results in a five percent or more reduction in the total funds available to support an appropriation, the Secretary of Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>E-Board authority to draw on the General Fund Balance Reserve relating to Sec. E.127.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.1 32 V.S.A. § 133 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 133. DUTIES</p> <p>(a) The Board shall have authority to make expenditures necessitated by unforeseen emergencies and may draw on the State's General Fund <u>and General Fund Balance Reserve</u> for that purpose.</p> <p>(b) Pursuant to section 706 of this title, the Board shall also have authority to transfer appropriations made to other agencies and to use the transferred amounts to make expenditures necessitated by unforeseen emergencies.</p> <p>(c) In a fiscal year, the sum of the Board's expenditures under subsections (a) and (b) of this section shall not exceed two percent of the total General Fund appropriation for the year of the expenditures.</p>	E.127.1	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>E-Board authority to draw on the General Fund Balance Reserve relating to Sec. E.127.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.2 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE RESERVES</p> <p>(a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund Balance Reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Reserve." After satisfying the requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved</p>	E.127.2	<p><i>Struck (b)(3); moved to session law in Sec. E.127.4.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.2 32 V.S.A. § 308c is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 308c. GENERAL FUND AND TRANSPORTATION FUND BALANCE RESERVES</p> <p>(a) There is hereby created within the General Fund a General Fund Balance Reserve, also known as the "Rainy Day Reserve." After satisfying the requirements of section 308 of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General</p>

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<p>and undesignated end of fiscal year General Fund surplus shall be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve. The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed five 10 percent of the appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without legislative authorization.</p> <p>(1), (2) [Repealed.]</p> <p>(3) Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve under this subsection, the following amounts shall be reserved as necessary and transferred from the General Fund as follows:</p> <p>(A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 473; and</p> <p>(B) 25 percent to the Postretirement Adjustment Allowance Account established in 16 V.S.A. § 1949a.</p> <p>(b)(1) The General Assembly may specifically unreserve and appropriate or transfer the use of up to 50 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from <u>an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any General Fund Balance Reserve funds utilized in accordance with this section be replenished.</u></p> <p>(2) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, determined under section 305a of this title, have been reduced by two percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act, funds in the General Fund Balance Reserve may be <u>unreserved and appropriated or transferred</u> to compensate for a reduction of revenues.</p> <p>(3) <u>The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, or a reduction in State revenue estimates or federal funding pursuant to subsection 704(b) of this title occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, may unreserve and make available an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance Reserve to replenish the spending authority impacted by the declared emergency or reduction in funding in order to maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters, and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most recent fiscal year appropriations act. In no event shall the amount provided to any agency or department under this subsection exceed the original amount appropriated by the General Assembly.</u></p> <p>(c) There is hereby created within the Transportation Fund a Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. After satisfying the requirements of section 308a of this title, and after</p>		<p>Fund Balance Reserve. The General Fund Balance Reserve shall not exceed five 10 percent of the appropriations from the General Fund for the prior fiscal year without legislative authorization.</p> <p>(1), (2) [Repealed.]</p> <p>(3) Of the funds that would otherwise be reserved in the General Fund Balance Reserve under this subsection, the following amounts shall be reserved as necessary and transferred from the General Fund as follows:</p> <p>(A) 25 percent to the Vermont State Retirement Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 473; and</p> <p>(B) 25 percent to the Postretirement Adjustment Allowance Account established in 16 V.S.A. § 1949a.</p> <p>(b)(1) The General Assembly may specifically unreserve and appropriate the use of up to 50 percent of the amounts added in the prior fiscal year from <u>or transfer an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance Reserve to fund unforeseen or emergency needs. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any General Fund Balance Reserve funds utilized in accordance with this section be replenished.</u></p> <p>(2) If the official State revenue estimates of the Emergency Board for the General Fund, determined under section 305a of this title, have been reduced by two percent or more from the estimates determined and assumed for purposes of the general appropriations act or budget adjustment act, funds in the General Fund Balance Reserve may be <u>unreserved and appropriated or transferred</u> to compensate for a reduction of revenues.</p> <p>(c) There is hereby created within the Transportation Fund a Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. After satisfying the requirements of section 308a of this title, and after other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year Transportation Fund surplus shall be reserved in the Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. Monies from this Reserve shall be available for appropriation by the General Assembly.</p> <p>(d) Determination of the amounts of the General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance Reserves shall be made by the Commissioner of Finance and Management and reported, along with the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the legislative Joint Fiscal Committee at its first meeting following September 1 of each year.</p>

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<p>other reserve requirements have been met, any remaining unreserved and undesignated end of fiscal year Transportation Fund surplus shall be reserved in the Transportation Fund Balance Reserve. Monies from this Reserve shall be available for appropriation by the General Assembly.</p> <p>(d) Determination of the amounts of the General Fund and Transportation Fund Balance Reserves shall be made by the Commissioner of Finance and Management and reported, along with the amounts appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the legislative Joint Fiscal Committee at its first meeting following September 1 of each year.</p>		
<p>N/A</p>	<p>E.127.3</p>	<p><i>Interim budget adjustment language; language relating to JFC recommendation to E-Board on said adjustments and potential use of General Fund Balance Reserve.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.3 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE</p> <p><u>(a) As used in this section:</u></p> <p><u>(1) “Unduplicated appropriation” means the total appropriation set forth in this act for a governmental function excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the determination of unduplicated appropriations shall not include Education Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.</u></p> <p><u>(b) In each instance that a reduction in federal funds to the State results in:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the unduplicated appropriation for each governmental function unit to decrease by less than one half of one percent, the Secretary of Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(2) the unduplicated appropriation for any governmental function unit to decrease by one half to one percent:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare an expenditure reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 704(e), provided that any total reductions in appropriations and transfers of funds are not greater than the reductions in federal funds; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) to maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in this act, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:</u></p>

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		<p><u>(i) pursuant to Sec. E.127.4 of this act, utilize the General Fund Balance Reserve or the appropriation set forth in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act, or both, to support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding level until the General Assembly is in session;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and</u></p> <p><u>(iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary to support the priorities of the General Assembly, and the recommended reduction is limited to not more than 10 percent of any fund or 10 percent of any appropriation.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, for the purpose of calculating any appropriation reduction that triggers the actions set forth in this section, the baseline federal funding amounts shall be the federal funding set forth in this act. The Secretary of Administration shall monitor any changes in federal funding as the difference between the baseline federal funding amount for use in fiscal year 2026 and any updated State federal funds revenue forecast adopted by the Emergency Board and shall calculate the percent reduction of the unduplicated appropriations for each governmental function unit.</u></p>
<i>N/A</i>	E.127.4	<p><i>E-Board authority to draw on the General Fund Balance Reserve relating to Sec. E.127.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.4 EMERGENCY BOARD; REPLENISH REDUCED SPENDING AUTHORITY</p> <p><u>(a) The Emergency Board, in response to a declared emergency pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 9 occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, or a reduction in State revenue estimates or federal funding pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 704(b) occurring while the General Assembly is not in session, may unreserve and make available an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the General Fund Balance Reserve to replenish the spending authority impacted by the declared emergency or reduction in funding in order to maintain a balanced State budget, minimize the impact to Vermonters, and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in the most recent fiscal year appropriations act. In no event shall the amount provided to any agency or department under this section exceed the original amount appropriated by the General Assembly.</u></p>
<i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i>	E.127.5	<p><i>Language for final JFO-managed fee report of three-year report cycle.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.127.5 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEE REPORT; GENERAL GOVERNMENT</p> <p><u>(a) Fiscal year 2026 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.100-199, B.400-599, and B. 800-999</u></p>

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		<p>of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a <u>comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2026. The fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(1) <u>the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(2) <u>the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(3) <u>the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(4) <u>the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2026;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(5) <u>the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2026;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(6) <u>a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2026 and 2027;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(7) <u>a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory function performed by the agency, department, board or office supported by the fee;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(8) <u>the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2025;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(9) <u>if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the percentage of the special fund’s revenues that the fee represents;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(10) <u>any available information regarding comparable fees in other jurisdictions;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(11) <u>any polices or trends that might affect the viability of the fee amount;</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">and</p> <p class="list-item-l1">(12) <u>any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.</u></p> <p class="list-item-l1">(b) <u>Reports.</u></p> <p class="list-item-l2">(1) <u>The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2025, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards, and offices shall work</u></p>

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		<p><u>with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before submitting the final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.</u></p> <p><u>(2) On or before December 15, 2025, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a jointly prepared final report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.</u></p> <p><u>(3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided for any reason, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.</u></p> <p><u>(c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies, departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and penalties.”</u></p> <p><u>(d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor shall not be required to submit the consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General Assembly.</u></p>
<p><i>Treasurer language, various amendments to VTSAVES..</i></p> <p>Sec. E.131 3 V.S.A. chapter 18 is amended to read:</p> <p>Chapter 18: VT <u>Vermont</u> Saves</p> <p>§ 531. Definitions</p> <p>As used in this chapter:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(3) “Covered employer” means a person, entity, or subsidiary engaged in a business, industry, profession, trade, or other enterprise in the State , whether for profit or not for profit, that has does not offered currently offer to an employee, or is within a control group that maintains or contributes to, effective in form or operation at any time within the current calendar year or two preceding calendar years, a specified tax-favored retirement plan. If an employer does not maintain a specified tax-favored retirement plan for a portion of a calendar year ending on or after the effective date of this chapter but does adopt such a plan for the remainder of that calendar year, the employer is not a covered employer for the remainder of the year. A covered employer does not include;</p>	E.131	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>(A) the federal government, the State or any other state, any county or municipal corporation, or any of the State's or any other state's units or instrumentalities;</p> <p>(B) <u>any employer that has only been in business during the current calendar year.</u></p> <p>(4) "ERISA" means the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, 29 U.S.C § 1001 et seq.</p> <p>(5) "Internal Revenue Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.</p> <p>(6) "IRA" means a traditional IRA or a Roth IRA.</p> <p>(7) "Participant" means an individual who has an IRA under the Program.</p> <p>(8) "Payroll deduction IRA or payroll deduction IRA arrangement" means an arrangement by which an employer allows employees to contribute to an IRA by means of payroll deduction.</p> <p>(9) "Program" means the VT <u>Vermont</u> Saves Program established in accordance with this chapter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>§ 532. VT <u>Vermont</u> Saves Program; establishment</p> <p>Establishment; purpose. There is established the VT <u>Vermont</u> Saves Program (Program), administered by the Office of the State Treasurer, for the purpose of increasing financial security for Vermonters by providing access to an IRA for Vermont employees of companies that do not currently offer a retirement savings program. The Program shall be designed to facilitate portability of benefits through withdrawals, rollovers, and direct transfers from an IRA and achieve economies of scale and other efficiencies to minimize costs. <u>The Program shall:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b) Type of IRA. The type of IRA to which contributions are made pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be a Roth IRA; provided, however, the Treasurer is authorized to add an option for all participants to:</p> <p>(1) <u>affirmatively elect to contribute to a traditional IRA instead of a Roth IRA; or</u></p> <p>(2) <u>open both a Roth IRA and a traditional IRA.</u></p> <p>(c) Contributions.</p> <p>(1) Unless otherwise specified by the covered employee, a covered employee shall automatically initially contribute five percent of the covered employee's salary</p>		

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<p>or wages to the Program. A covered employee may elect to opt out of the Program at any time or contribute at any higher or lower rate, expressed as a percentage of salary or wages, or, as permitted by the Treasurer, expressed as a flat dollar amount, subject in all cases to the IRA contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code at no additional charge.</p> <p>(2) The Treasurer shall provide for, on a uniform basis, an annual increase of each active participant's contribution rate, by not less than one percent, but not more than eight 10 percent, of salary or wages each year. Any such increases shall apply to active participants, including participants by default with an option to opt out or participants who are initiated by affirmative participant election, provided that any increase is subject to the IRA contribution and eligibility limits applicable under the Internal Revenue Code.</p>		
<p><i>Treasurer language making the Municipal Equipment Loan Fund the Municipal Equipment and Vehicle Loan Fund.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.131.1 29 V.S.A. chapter 61 is amended to read:</p> <p>CHAPTER 61: Municipal Equipment <u>and Vehicle</u> Loan Fund</p> <p>§ 1601. Municipal Equipment <u>and Vehicle</u> Loan Fund</p> <p>(a) There is hereby created a Municipal Equipment <u>and Vehicle</u> Loan Fund for the purpose of providing loans on favorable terms to municipalities for the purchase of <u>motorized highway building and maintenance equipment, heavy equipment, and authorized emergency construction, fire, emergency, or heavy equipment or</u> vehicles as set forth in 23 V.S.A. § 4.</p> <p>(b) The Municipal Equipment <u>and Vehicle</u> Loan Fund shall be administered by <u>a committee comprised of</u> the State Treasurer and the State Traffic Committee established by 19 V.S.A. § 1(24), pursuant to policies and procedures approved by <u>the Traffic this</u> Committee established by 19 V.S.A. § 1(24) <u>with administrative support from the Office of the State Treasurer.</u> The Committee shall establish criteria for distribution of available loan funds among municipalities considering at least financial need, <u>equitable</u> geographic distribution, and ability to repay. The Fund shall be a revolving fund and all principal and interest earned on loans and the fund balance remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert but be carried over in the Fund for use in the succeeding fiscal year. <u>The Committee shall meet upon request of the Treasurer to consider applications.</u></p> <p>§ 1602. Application; loans; conditions</p>	E.131.1	No change.

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<p>(a) <u>Application forms shall be furnished by the Committee on request. Upon Committee approval of an application of a municipality or two or more municipalities applying jointly for purchases as set forth in Sec. 1601(a), the State Treasurer may loan money from the Fund to that municipality or municipalities for the purchase of equipment. Purchases of equipment eligible for the applicant(s). loans Loans from the Fund shall be used on equipment and vehicles with have a useful life of at least five years and a purchase price of at least \$20,000.00 but shall not be eligible for loans in excess of \$150,000.00 from this Fund.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>The State Treasurer is authorized to establish terms and conditions, including repayment schedules of up to five years for loans from the Fund to ensure repayment of loans to the Fund. The amount of any loan shall be no more than 75 percent of the purchase price or \$150,000, whichever is lower. Before a municipality may receive a loan from the Fund, it shall give to the State Treasurer security for the repayment of the funds. The security shall be in such form and amount as the Treasurer may determine and may include a lien on the equipment or emergency vehicle financed by the loan.</u></p> <p>(c) <u>The rates of interest shall be as established by this section to assist municipalities in purchasing equipment upon terms more favorable than in the commercial market. Such rates shall be not more than two percent per annum for a loan to a single municipality, and loans shall bear no interest charge if made to two or more municipalities purchasing equipment jointly.</u></p> <p>(d) <u>In any fiscal year, new loans from the Municipal Equipment Fund shall not exceed an aggregate of \$1,500,000.00. The Treasurer shall put forth recommendations to the General Assembly on maximum loan amount every five years, commencing January 15, 2028, based on requests received and loans granted pursuant to this chapter.</u></p> <p>(e) <u>When a municipality suffers the destruction of more than one piece of equipment or a vehicle at or near the same time or suffers some unanticipated hardship relating to the equipment or vehicle and the Committee finds that replacement would place an undue financial hardship on the municipality, the Committee may waive one or both of the loan limiting factors in section (b) of this section:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the \$ 150,000.00 annual limitation on each municipality; or</u></p> <p><u>(2) the 75% of the purchase price limitation.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(f) The State Treasurer shall put forth recommendations to the General Assembly on the maximum individual loan amount from the fund every five years, commencing January 15, 2028, based on requests received and loans granted pursuant to this chapter in the five preceding years.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Treasurer language making CDACC review and report biennial and adding in criteria to include in CDACC considerations.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.131.2 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1001. Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee</p> <p>(a) Committee established. A Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee is hereby created with the duties and composition provided by this section.</p> <p>(b) Committee duties.</p> <p>(1) The Committee shall review annually <u>biennially</u> the size and affordability of the net State tax-supported indebtedness and submit to the Governor and to the General Assembly an estimate of the maximum amount of new long-term net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be authorized for the next <u>two</u> fiscal years. The estimate of the Committee shall be advisory and in no way bind the Governor or the General Assembly.</p> <p><u>(A) The Governor or Emergency Board may request an off-cycle report from the Committee.</u></p> <p><u>(B) For years in which the Committee does not provide its biennial report, an interim report shall be provided.</u></p> <p>(2) The Committee shall conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and condition of bonds, notes, and other obligations of instrumentalities of the State for which the State has a contingent or limited liability or for which the General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds, and, when deemed appropriate, recommend limits on the occurrence of such additional obligations to the Governor and to the General Assembly.</p> <p>(3) The Committee shall conduct ongoing reviews of the amount and condition of the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established in 19 V.S.A. § 11f and of bonds and notes issued against the Fund for which the State has a contingent or limited liability.</p> <p>(c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year in alternating years, the Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the</p>	<p>E.131.2</p>	<p><i>Removes biennial amendments, keeps criteria amendments.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.131.2 32 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1001. CAPITAL DEBT AFFORDABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c) Committee estimate of a prudent amount of net State tax-supported debt; affordability considerations. On or before September 30 of each year , the Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be authorized for the next fiscal year, together with a report explaining the basis for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall not take into consideration the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the subaccounts of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments, established pursuant to section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. In developing its annual estimate, and in preparing its annual report, the Committee shall consider:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(4) The criteria that recognized bond rating agencies use to judge the quality of issues of State bonds, including:</p> <p>(A) existing and projected total debt service on net tax-supported debt as a percentage of combined General and Transportation Fund revenues, excluding surpluses in these revenues that may occur in an individual fiscal year; and</p> <p>(B) existing and projected total net tax-supported debt outstanding as a percentage of total State personal income;</p> <p><u>(C) existing and projected pension and other postemployment benefit liability metrics; and</u></p> <p><u>(D) other metrics at the Committee's discretion, including long-term liabilities not covered in subdivisions (A)–(C) of this subdivision (4).</u></p> <p>(5) The principal amounts currently outstanding, and balances for the next fiscal year, and annually for the following nine fiscal years, of existing:</p>

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<p>Committee's estimate of net State tax-supported debt that prudently may be authorized for the next <u>two</u> fiscal years, together with a report explaining the basis for the estimate. The Committee's estimate shall not take into consideration the balance remaining at the end of each fiscal year in the subaccounts of the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments, established pursuant to section 1001b of this title. The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall not apply to the report to be made under this subsection. In developing its annual <u>biennial</u> estimate, and in preparing its annual <u>biennial</u> report, the Committee shall consider:</p> <p>(1) The amount of net State tax-supported indebtedness that during the next fiscal year and annually for the following nine fiscal years:</p> <p>(A) will be outstanding; and</p> <p>(B) has been authorized but not yet issued.</p> <p>(2) A projected schedule of affordable net State tax-supported bond authorizations for the next fiscal year and annually for the following nine fiscal years. The assessment of the affordability of the projected authorizations shall be based on all of the remaining considerations specified in this section.</p> <p>(3) Projected debt service requirements during the next fiscal year, and annually for the following nine fiscal years, based upon:</p> <p>(A) existing outstanding debt;</p> <p>(B) previously authorized but unissued debt; and</p> <p>(C) projected bond authorizations.</p> <p>(4) The criteria that recognized bond rating agencies use to judge the quality of issues of State bonds, including:</p> <p>(A) existing and projected total debt service on net tax-supported debt as a percentage of combined General and Transportation Fund revenues, excluding surpluses in these revenues that may occur in an individual fiscal year; and</p> <p>(B) existing and projected total net tax-supported debt outstanding as a percentage of total State personal income;</p> <p>(C) <u>existing and projected pension and other postemployment benefit liability metrics; and</u></p> <p>(D) <u>other metrics at the Committee's discretion, including long-term liabilities not covered above.</u></p> <p>(5) The principal amounts currently outstanding, and balances for the next fiscal year, and annually for the following nine fiscal years, of existing:</p>		<p>(A) obligations of instrumentalities of the State for which the State has a contingent or limited liability;</p> <p>(B) any other long-term debt of instrumentalities of the State not secured by the full faith and credit of the State, or for which the General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds; and</p> <p>(C) to the maximum extent obtainable, all long-term debt of municipal governments in Vermont that is secured by general tax or user fee revenues.</p> <p>(6) The impact of capital spending upon the economic conditions and outlook for the State.</p> <p>(7) The cost-benefit of various levels of debt financing, types of debt, and maturity schedules.</p> <p>(8) Any projections of capital needs authorized or prepared by the Agency of Transportation, the Joint Fiscal Office, or other agencies or departments.</p> <p>(9) Any other factor that is relevant to:</p> <p>(A) the ability of the State to meet its projected debt service requirements for the next five fiscal years; or</p> <p>(B) the interest rate to be borne by the credit rating on, or other factors affecting the marketability of State bonds.</p> <p>(10) The effect of authorizations of new State debt on each of the considerations of this section.</p> <p><u>(11) The capital asset depreciation ratio reflecting unfunded capital maintenance costs.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>

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<p>(A) obligations of instrumentalities of the State for which the State has a contingent or limited liability;</p> <p>(B) any other long-term debt of instrumentalities of the State not secured by the full faith and credit of the State, or for which the General Assembly is permitted to replenish reserve funds; and</p> <p>(C) to the maximum extent obtainable, all long-term debt of municipal governments in Vermont that is secured by general tax or user fee revenues.</p> <p>(6) The impact of capital spending upon the economic conditions and outlook for the State.</p> <p>(7) The cost-benefit of various levels of debt financing, types of debt, and maturity schedules.</p> <p>(8) Any projections of capital needs authorized or prepared by the Agency of Transportation, the Joint Fiscal Office, or other agencies or departments.</p> <p>(9) <u>The capital asset depreciation ratio reflecting unfunded capital maintenance costs.</u></p> <p>(10) Any other factor that is relevant to:</p> <p>(A) the ability of the State to meet its projected debt service requirements for the next five fiscal years; or</p> <p>(B) the interest rate to be borne by the credit rating on, or other factors affecting the marketability of State bonds.</p> <p>(40) (11) The effect of authorizations of new State debt on each of the considerations of this section.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) Of the <u>\$3,390,593</u> appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,247,471 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and <u>\$1,143,122</u> constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</p>	E.133	<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation (to not include increase).</i></p> <p>Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET, SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) Of the <u>\$3,288,093</u> appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,247,471 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and <u>\$1,040,622</u> constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.</p>
<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT</p>	E.134	<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation (to not include increase).</i></p>

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<p>SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) <u>Of the \$1,941,020 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,494,924 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$446,096 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>		<p>Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) <u>Of the \$1,901,020 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,494,924 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$406,096 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System.</u></p>
<p><i>VPIC compensation consultant hiring authority.</i></p> <p>Sec. E. 134.1 3 V.S.A. § 523(i) is added to read:</p> <p>§ 523. Vermont Pension Investment Commission; duties</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(i) <u>Professional staff and salaries.</u></p> <p>(1) <u>The Commission shall have the assistance of a professional staff to implement its policy and oversee daily operations. The Commission is authorized to retain independent advisors as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities.</u></p> <p>(2) <u>Staff shall be full-time State employees and shall be exempt from the State classified system. The Commission is authorized to periodically hire independent compensation consultants to set staff compensation at a level sufficient to attract and retain a qualified investment team and to meet the Commissioners' fiduciary duties.</u></p>	E.134.1	<i>Deleted.</i>
<p><i>VPIC compensation consultant report</i></p> <p>Sec. E.134.2 VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; COMPENSATION REPORT</p> <p>(a) <u>The Vermont Pension Investment Commission shall hire an independent compensation consultant to complete a compensation report, which shall include the following:</u></p> <p>(1) <u>in coordination with the Commission, a compensation philosophy for Commission staff; and</u></p> <p>(2) <u>a compensation structure for Commission staff that sets initial compensation levels and is benchmarked against other public pension funds.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>On or before November 15, 2025, the Commission shall submit a copy of the report described in subsection (a) of this section and a proposed budget to the Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.</u></p>	E.134.2	<i>Deleted.</i>

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<p><i>Establishes Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.142.2 32 V.S.A. Chapter 123, Subchapter 4C is added to read:</p> <p><u>Subchapter 4C. Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program</u></p> <p><u>§ 3710. MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST STABILIZATION PROGRAM</u></p> <p><u>(a) There is established the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program within the Department of Taxes to reimburse municipalities for municipal property taxes assessed under chapter 133 of this title for flood-prone properties acquired by a municipality pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 51 or a prior voluntary buyout program operated by the Division of Emergency Management.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before September 1 of each year, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall certify to the Commissioner of Taxes the properties eligible for the Municipal Grand List Stabilization Program and shall submit any other information required by the Commissioner of Taxes. To be eligible for the Program under this subchapter, a municipality must have acquired an eligible property on or after July 1, 2023 and preserved the property as open space with a deed restriction or covenant prohibiting development of the property. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall first certify properties to the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to this subsection on or before September 1, 2025.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Upon notification by the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Commissioner of Taxes shall certify the payment amounts and make an annual payment to each municipality for each eligible property to compensate for the loss of municipal property tax. The payment shall be calculated using the grand list value of the acquired property for the year during which the property was either damaged by flooding or identified as flood-prone by the Commissioner of Public Safety, multiplied by the municipal tax rate, including any submunicipal tax rates, in effect each year. This payment shall be made on or before January 1 of each year for five years.</u></p> <p><u>(d) A property shall not be eligible for reimbursement payments for more than 10 years. The Commissioner shall make an annual payment for the full amount calculated under subsection (c) of this section for five years. After a municipality has received payments for an eligible property for five consecutive years, the Commissioner shall make an annual payment to the municipality for any subsequent year of eligibility in an amount equal to one-half of the amount calculated under subsection (c) of this section.</u></p>	E.142.2	<i>No change.</i>

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<u>(e) Payment under this section shall be calculated and issued from the PILOT Special Fund under section 3709 of this title only after all other grants under subchapter 4 of this chapter are calculated and issued. If the PILOT Special Fund balance is insufficient to pay the full amount of all payments authorized under this subchapter, then payments calculated under this section and due to each municipality for each property shall be reduced proportionately.</u>		
<p><i>Establishes Voluntary Buyout Program.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.142.3 20 V.S.A. § 51 is added to read:</p> <p><u>§ 51. FLOOD-PRONE PROPERTIES; ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</u></p> <p><u>(a) The Division of Emergency Management and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development shall establish and maintain the Voluntary Buyout Program for flood-prone properties. The Program shall allow a municipality, at the request of the owner of a flood-prone property, to apply for funding to cover the purchase price of the property. The purchase price shall be the full fair market value of the flood-prone property. The municipality shall maintain the acquired property as open space with a deed restriction or covenant prohibiting development of the property.</u></p>	E.142.3	<i>No change.</i>
N/A	E.200.1	<p><i>Updates AG fees factored into AG budget.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.200.1 9 V.S.A. § 2473 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 2473. NOTICE OF SOLICITATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(f)(1) For each calendar year in which a paid fundraiser solicits in this State on behalf of a charitable organization, the paid fundraiser shall pay a registration fee of \$500.00 \$675 to the Attorney General no not later than ten 10 days prior to its first solicitation in this State.</p> <p>(2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200.00 \$270. In the case of a campaign lasting more than 12 months, an additional \$200.00 \$270 fee shall be paid annually on or before the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the campaign.</p> <p>(3) Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5; and shall be available to the Attorney General for the costs of administering sections 2471–2479 of this title.</p>
N/A	E.200.2	<p><i>Updates AG fee factored into AG budget.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.200.2 18 V.S.A. § 4632 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 4632. DISCLOSURE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES AND GIFTS</p>

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		<p>BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b)(1) Annually on or before April 1, the Office of the Attorney General shall collect a \$500.00 \$675 fee from each manufacturer of prescribed products filing annual disclosures of expenditures greater than zero described in subsection (a) of this section.</p> <p>(2) Fees collected under this section shall fund collection and analysis of information on activities related to the marketing of prescribed products under section 4631a of this title and under this section. The fees shall be collected in a special fund assigned to the Office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
N/A	E.208.1	<p><i>Directs PSD to submit a capital plan for firearm and portable radio equipment purchases to Appropriations committees.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.208.1 PUBLIC SAFETY; CAPITAL PLAN</p> <p><u>(a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget presentation, the Department of Public Safety shall submit a capital plan for the replacement of firearms and mobile and portable radio equipment to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.</u></p>
N/A	E.208.2	<p><i>Establishes Community Radio Grant Program funded with one-time appropriation in Sec. B.1100.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.208.2 VERMONT COMMUNITY RADIO GRANT PROGRAM</p> <p><u>(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Vermont's seven active community radio stations currently serve over 200,000 Vermonters, many in rural and underserved areas.</u></p> <p><u>(2) Community radio stations have consistently provided critical information during emergencies, including Tropical Storm Irene, recent severe flooding, and other natural disasters.</u></p> <p><u>(3) These stations operate with small budgets, primarily relying on volunteer staff and listener donations, and are ineligible for federal funding through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting due to their size.</u></p> <p><u>(4) Upcoming FCC-approved stations in Bristol, Richmond-Underhill-Jericho, and Ludlow will expand coverage to nearly all Vermont counties, increasing statewide accessibility to vital community radio services.</u></p> <p><u>(5) Investment in these stations strengthens Vermont's public safety network and promotes civic engagement by providing local, hyper-focused content that commercial and statewide media cannot replicate.</u></p>

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		<p><u>(b) Intent. The intent of this section is to ensure Vermont's community radio stations remain resilient and prepared to serve as lifelines during emergencies while fostering local engagement and preserving Vermont's unique community fabric.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Grant program.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The Vermont Community Radio Grant Program is established to provide one-time funding to community radio stations for the purpose of:</u></p> <p><u>(A) upgrading equipment and infrastructure necessary for reliable emergency broadcasting;</u></p> <p><u>(B) procuring and installing backup generators; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) enhancing operational sustainability through software improvements and technical training.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The Program shall be administered by the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee in collaboration with the Vermont Association of Broadcasters.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Grants shall be allocated as follows:</u></p> <p><u>(A) up to \$25,000.00 per station for seven active community radio stations; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) up to \$10,000.00 per station for three upcoming stations currently under construction.</u></p> <p><u>(4) To be eligible for a grant under the Program, an applicant shall:</u></p> <p><u>(A) be a nonprofit, noncommercial community radio station licensed in Vermont;</u></p> <p><u>(B) demonstrate a history of providing emergency broadcasting services or show the capacity to provide those services upon funding; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) submit a detailed implementation plan for the proposed use of grant funding.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Report. On or before June 30, 2026, a community radio station that receives a grant under the Program shall provide to the Commissioner of Public Safety a report detailing the:</u></p> <p><u>(1) use of grant funds, including itemized expenses;</u></p> <p><u>(2) improvements achieved in emergency readiness and operational capacity; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) impact on community service and engagement.</u></p>
<p><i>Decreases National Guard Tuition Benefit Program allocation to align with anticipated take-up.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION</p>	<p>E.215</p>	<p><i>Increases National Guard Tuition Benefit Program allocation to align with anticipated take-up.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION</p>

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(a) The amount of \$1,219,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.		(a) The amount of \$1,319,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.
<i>Increases Vermont Access Network grant by \$50,000.</i> Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK BUDGET (a) The Secretary of State shall grant the \$1,350,000 General Fund appropriation, provided in Section B.232 of this act, to the Vermont Access Network to maintain current operations and programming.	E.232	<i>No change.</i>
<i>N/A</i>	E.232.1	<i>Establishes local civic journalism award process; funds appropriated in Sec. B.1100.</i> Sec. E.232.1 SECRETARY OF STATE; LOCAL CIVIC JOURNALISM AWARDS (a) As part of its civic engagement and education activities, the Office of the Secretary of State shall, in collaboration with the University Vermont Center for Community News, shall make cash awards to local civic journalism organizations or businesses with funds appropriated to it in Sec. B.1100(aa)(1) of this act. The Office of the Secretary of State shall, in collaboration with the University Vermont Center for Community News, establish award criteria and assemble a panel of three to five journalists, academics, and industry veterans who neither work for eligible organizations nor are eligible to receive awards themselves to determine award recipients. Awards shall be made in amounts between \$1,000 and \$10,000.
<i>Specifies that \$1,820,000 appropriated to Liquor and Lottery is for business-to-business website design and implementation.</i> Sec. E.236.1 LIQUOR AND LOTTERY; APPROPRIATION; BUSINESS TO BUSINESS WEBSITE (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.236.1 of this act, \$1,820,000 Enterprise Fund shall be used for the business to business website design and implementation to improve the ordering and payment of on-premise licensees.	E.236.1	<i>No change.</i>
<i>Requires AHS and its departments to report on residential youth beds as part of the FY27 budget process.</i> Sec. E.300.1 REPORT; RESIDENTIAL BEDS FOR YOUTH (a) As part of their fiscal year 2027 budget presentations to the General Assembly, the Agency of Human Services and departments within the Agency of Human Services shall provide coordinated information regarding:	E.300.1	<i>No change.</i>

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<p><u>(1) the basis for the projected number of beds per facility to create 41 new beds for youth in high-end facilities under the Departments for Children and Families, of Mental Health, and of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living for inpatient, psychiatric residential, stabilization, and treatment services, including projected reductions in out-of-state placements;</u></p> <p><u>(2) the status of capacity at lower level residential and crisis facilities and their capabilities in preventing higher level needs if investments would enable full capacity use; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) a projected five-year operating budget across the Agency and departments for full utilization of the new high-end system components as currently planned, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) costs to the Department of Vermont Health Access' budget; and</u></p> <p><u>(B) how these costs will impact the overall budgets for lower-level, community based, prevention and other services needed to prevent escalation to higher levels of care.</u></p>		
N/A	E.300.2	<p><i>Report from AHS on community-based provider operations (replacing Sec. E.100.1).</i></p> <p>Sec. E.300.2 EVALUATION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES AT COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall evaluate the organizational and funding structures of certain community-based service providers to identify opportunities for coordinating and consolidating functions across providers in order to achieve operational efficiencies and cost savings.</u></p> <p><u>(1) The community-based service providers that the Agency shall evaluate pursuant to this section may include area agencies on aging, community action agencies, designated and specialized service agencies, and parent-child centers.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The functions that the Agency considers for potential coordination or consolidation may include human resources responsibilities, business processes, information technology systems, contracting and other legal services, and other functions that the Agency finds are being carried out by or on behalf of many community-based service providers in this State and that may be able to be performed more efficiently and cost-effectively across multiple service providers.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Appropriations, Health Care, and Human Services</u></p>

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		<u>and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare with the results of its evaluation and its findings and recommendations for ways in which specific functions may be coordinated or consolidated across community-based service providers in order to achieve operational efficiencies and cost savings.</u>
	E.300.3	<p><i>Report on anticipated settlement funds.</i> Sec. E.300.3 SETTLEMENT FUNDS; PRIMARY CARE; LEGISLATIVE INTENT; REPORT</p> <p><u>(a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Appropriations regarding the funding mechanism used to distribute \$11,000,000 from the University of Vermont Medical Center to non-hospital primary care providers pursuant to the Settlement Agreement entered into by the University of Vermont Medical Center, Inc., University of Vermont Health Network, Inc., and the Green Mountain Care Board in April 2025 and regarding the timing of the fund distribution.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Following receipt of the report set forth in subsection (a) of this section, it is the intent of the General Assembly to identify funds appropriated by this act to address shortfalls in primary care investments in fiscal year 2026 that may be duplicated by the distribution of settlement funds described in subsection (a) of this section and that can be redirected through the fiscal year 2026 budget adjustment act to provide additional supports to providers of primary care, mental health, substance use disorder treatment, and other health care services in this State.</u></p>
N/A	E.301.4	<p><i>Makes provider rate increases effective on November 1, 2025.</i> Sec. E.301.4 FISCAL YEAR 2026 RATE INCREASES; EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p><u>(a) The appropriations made in Secs. B.301, B.307, B.313, B.314, B.330, B.333, B.334, and B.334.1 for rate increases for community providers shall take effect on November 1, 2025.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The appropriation made in Sec. B.307 for rate increases for Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics shall take effect on November 1, 2025.</u></p>
<i>Directs extraordinary financial relief to be used to prevent nursing home closures; requires report and presentation.</i> Sec. E.306 NURSING HOMES; SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES;	E.306	<p><i>Cut first sentence of (a).</i> Sec. E.306 NURSING HOMES; SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES; EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL RELIEF</p>

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<p>EXTRAORDINARY FINANCIAL RELIEF</p> <p><u>(a) Extraordinary financial relief shall be used in rare occasions or as a last resort to prevent nursing homes that are in good standing and in compliance with State and federal regulations from closing. On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health Access' Division of Rate Setting shall submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare containing proactive measures and targeted interventions that may be used to reduce the use and amount of future extraordinary financial relief for nursing homes.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Departments of Vermont Health Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall present to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the number and name of all nursing homes in the State, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) whether a nursing home is a for-profit or nonprofit organization and the owner's contact information;</u></p> <p><u>(B) the payer mix of each nursing home;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the ratio of employees versus contracted traveler positions at each nursing home and the specific job titles of the contracted traveler positions; and</u></p> <p><u>(D) the average length of patient stay at each nursing home;</u></p> <p><u>(2) the number of skilled nursing facilities seeking extraordinary financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) the number of skilled nursing facilities receiving extraordinary financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the name of each skilled nursing facility;</u></p> <p><u>(B) whether a receiving skilled nursing facility is a for-profit or nonprofit organization;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the amount of extraordinary financial relief received by each skilled nursing facility;</u></p> <p><u>(D) the reason extraordinary financial relief was sought by each skilled nursing facility; and</u></p> <p><u>(E) the reason extraordinary financial relief was awarded to each skilled nursing facility.</u></p>		<p><u>(a) On or before December 15, 2025, the Department of Vermont Health Access' Division of Rate Setting shall submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare containing proactive measures and targeted interventions that may be used to reduce the use and amount of future extraordinary financial relief for nursing homes.</u></p> <p><u>(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Departments of Vermont Health Access and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall present to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare on the following:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the number and name of all nursing homes in the State, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) whether a nursing home is a for-profit or nonprofit organization and the owner's contact information;</u></p> <p><u>(B) the payer mix of each nursing home;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the ratio of employees versus contracted traveler positions at each nursing home and the specific job titles of the contracted traveler positions; and</u></p> <p><u>(D) the average length of patient stay at each nursing home;</u></p> <p><u>(2) the number of skilled nursing facilities seeking extraordinary financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) the number of skilled nursing facilities receiving extraordinary financial relief in fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, including:</u></p> <p><u>(A) the name of each skilled nursing facility;</u></p> <p><u>(B) whether a skilled nursing facility receiving extraordinary financial relief is a for-profit or nonprofit organization;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the amount of extraordinary financial relief received by each skilled nursing facility;</u></p> <p><u>(D) the reason extraordinary financial relief was sought by each skilled nursing facility; and</u></p> <p><u>(E) the reason extraordinary financial relief was awarded to each skilled nursing facility.</u></p>
N/A	E.306.1	<p><i>Increases QMB income threshold.</i></p> <p><i>Sec. E.306.1 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.306.4 is amended to read:</i></p>

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		<p>Sec. E.306.4 MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAMS; INCOME ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>(a) The Agency of Human Services shall make the following changes to the Medicare Savings Programs:</p> <p>(1) increase the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program income threshold to 445 <u>150</u> percent of the federal poverty level; and</p> <p>(2) increase the Qualifying Individual Program income threshold to the maximum percent of the federal poverty level allowed under federal law based on the increase to the income threshold for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program in subdivision (1) of this subsection.</p>
N/A	E.306.2	<p><i>Aligns open enrollment with current practice.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.306.2 OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE</p> <p>(a) <u>The Department of Vermont Health Access shall maintain open enrollment for the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange from November 1, 2025 through January 15, 2026. The Department of Vermont Health Access and registered carriers shall allow a period of one calendar month beyond the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' deadline of December 15, 2025 for 2026 plan selection in order to encourage enrollment and to allow enrollees to make plan selection changes.</u></p>
N/A	E.306.3	<p><i>Aligns open enrollment with current practice.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.306.3 33 V.S.A. § 1811 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1811. Health benefit plans for individuals and small employers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p><u>(m) A registered carrier shall allow for the enrollment through the Exchange of an individual, and of any individual who is eligible for coverage under the terms of the health benefit plan because of a relationship to the individual, who is eligible for advance payments of federal premium tax credits under 26 U.S.C. § 36B, and whose household income is expected to be no greater than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Enrollment may take place at any time during the benefit year.</u></p>
N/A	E.307	<p><i>Removes Self Employment Contribution Act tax payment requirement from Medicaid statute.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307 33 V.S.A. § 1902 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1902. Qualification for medical assistance</p>

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		<p>***</p> <p>(b) Workers with disabilities whose income is less than 250 percent of the federal poverty level shall be eligible for Medicaid. The income also must not exceed the Medicaid protected income level for one or the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment level for two, whichever is higher, after disregarding the earnings of the working individual with disabilities; Social Security disability insurance benefits, including Social Security retirement benefits converted automatically from Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), if applicable; any veteran’s disability benefits; and, if the working individual with disabilities is married, all income of the spouse. Earnings of the working individual with disabilities shall be documented by evidence of Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax payments, Self-Employment Contributions Act tax payments, or a written business plan approved and supported by a third-party investor or funding source. Vermont Medicaid shall verify earnings of the working individual with disabilities. The Agency shall adopt rules governing the verification of earned income of the working individual with disabilities. The resource limit for this program shall be \$10,000-00 for an individual and \$15,000-00 for a couple at the time of enrollment in the program. Assets attributable to earnings made after enrollment in the program shall be disregarded.</p>
N/A	E.307.1	<p><i>Emergency rulemaking authority for AHS re: Medicaid.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.307.1 MEDICAID PROGRAM EMERGENCY RULEMAKING</p> <p>(a) <u>The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to amend Vermont’s rules regarding the Medicaid program and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange in response to state and federal law. The Agency may use the emergency rules process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844, but only in the event that new state or federal law require Vermont to amend or adopt its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional rulemaking process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).</u></p>
<p><i>Repeals sunset of State Youth Council.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.311 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 109 Sec. 4 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. 4. SUNSET OF STATE YOUTH COUNCIL</p> <p>3 V.S.A. § 3097 (State Youth Council) is repealed on February 1, 2026.</p> <p><u>[Repealed.]</u></p>	E.311	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><i>Updates language to align with legislative intent.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH:</p> <p><u>(a) HIV/AIDS funding:</u></p> <p><u>(1) In fiscal year 2026 and as provided in this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory Group with current information and data relating to service initiatives. The funds shall be allocated according to a Request for Proposal process.</u></p> <p><u>(2) In fiscal year 2026, and as provided by this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:</u></p> <p><u>(A) Vermont CARES: \$140,000;</u></p> <p><u>(B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$100,000; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$55,000.</u></p> <p><u>(3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont Medication Assistance Program shall be distributed in accordance with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or services funded solely by State General Fund.</u></p> <p><u>(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in Vermont Medication Assistance Program to assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to Vermont Medication Assistance Program medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.</u></p> <p><u>(B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services shall work in collaboration with the Vermont Medication Assistance Program Advisory Committee, which shall be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations regarding the program's formulary of approved medication, related laboratory testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.</u></p> <p><u>(4) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$400,000 General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services not later</u></p>	E.312	<i>No change.</i>

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<p><u>than September 1, 2025.</u> The method by which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.</p> <p><u>(5) In fiscal year 2026, the Department of Health shall not reduce any grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe service programs from funds appropriated for HIV/AIDS services to levels below those in fiscal year 2025 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.</u></p>		
<p><i>Amends FY24 established position to correct where Health Equity Advisory Commission is based.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.312.1 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100 as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 56 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) The establishment of 23 new exempt limited-service positions is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) Agency of Administration <u>Department of Health</u> – Health Equity Advisory Commission:</p> <p>(A) one Private Secretary.</p>	E.312.1	<p><i>Adds position title changes originally in BAA.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.312.1 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100, as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 56, is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS</p> <p>(a) The establishment of 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year 2024 for the following:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) Permanent exempt positions:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(F) Office of the State Treasurer:</p> <p>(i) one Director – VT-Saves <u>Economic Empowerment Division</u>; and</p> <p>(ii) one Communications and Outreach Manager – VT-Saves <u>Economic Empowerment Division</u>;</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(d) The establishment of 23 new exempt limited-service positions is authorized in fiscal year 2024 as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(2) Agency of Administration <u>Department of Health</u> – Health Equity Advisory Commission:</p> <p>(A) one Private Secretary.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Language relating to the move of the Health Equity Advisory Commission.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.312.2 3 V.S.A. § 5003 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 5003. DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY</p> <p>(a) The Executive Director of Racial Equity (Director) shall work with the agencies and departments to implement a program of continuing coordination and improvement of</p>	E.312.2	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>activities in State government in order to combat systemic racial disparities and measure progress toward fair and impartial governance, including:</p> <p>(1) overseeing a comprehensive organizational review to identify systemic racism in each of the three branches of State government and inventory systems in place that engender racial disparities;</p> <p>(2) managing and overseeing the statewide collection of race-based data to determine the nature and scope of racial discrimination within all systems of State government; <u>and</u></p> <p>(3) developing a model fairness and diversity policy and reviewing and making recommendations regarding the fairness and diversity policies held by all State government systems; and</p> <p>(4) temporarily overseeing the establishment of the Health Equity Advisory Commission established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 252 until the Office of Health Equity is established.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Language relating to the move of the Health Equity Advisory Commission.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.312.3 18 V.S.A. § 252 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 252. HEALTH EQUITY ADVISORY COMMISSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Commission shall:</p> <p>(1) provide guidance on the development of the Office of Health Equity, which shall be established based on the Advisory Commission's recommendations not later than January 1, 2023, including on:</p> <p>(A) the structure, responsibilities, and jurisdiction of the Office;</p> <p>(B) whether the Office shall be independent and, if not, in which State agency or department it shall be situated;</p> <p>(C) how the Office shall be staffed;</p> <p>(D) the populations served and specific issues addressed by the Office; <u>and</u></p> <p>(E) the duties of the Office, including how grant funds shall be managed and distributed; and</p> <p>(F) the time frame and necessary steps to establish the Office;</p> <p>(2) provide advice and make recommendations to the Office of Health Equity, <u>Commissioner, and General Assembly</u> once established, including input on:</p> <p>(A) any rules or policies proposed by the Office <u>or Department of Health</u>;</p> <p>(B) the awarding of grants and the development of programs and services;</p>	E.312.3	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>(C) the needs, priorities, programs, and policies relating to the health of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities; and</p> <p>(D) any other issue on which the Office of Health Equity, <u>Department of Health, or General Assembly</u> requests assistance from the Advisory Commission;</p> <p>(3) review, monitor, and advise all State agencies regarding the impact of current and emerging State policies, procedures, practices, laws, and rules on the health of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities;</p> <p>(4) identify and examine the limitations and problems associated with existing laws, rules, programs, and services related to the health status of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities;</p> <p>(5) advise the Department of Health and the General Assembly on any funding decisions relating to eliminating health disparities and promoting health equity, including the distribution of federal monies related to COVID-19;</p> <p>(6) to the extent funds are available for the purpose, distribute grants that stimulate the development of community-based and neighborhood-based projects that will improve the health outcomes of individuals who are Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Color; individuals who are LGBTQ; and individuals with disabilities; and</p> <p>(7) advise the General Assembly on efforts to improve cultural competency, cultural humility, and antiracism in the health care system through training and continuing education requirements for health care providers and other clinical professionals.</p> <p>(d) Assistance. The Advisory Commission shall have the administrative, legal, and technical assistance of the Agency of Administration at the request of the Executive Director of Racial Equity <u>Department of Health</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(f) Meetings.</p> <p>(1) The Executive Director of Racial Equity or designee shall call the first meeting of the Advisory Commission to occur on or before September 1, 2021.</p> <p>(2) The Advisory Commission shall select a chair and vice chair at its first meeting and annually thereafter.</p> <p>(3)(2) The Advisory Commission shall adopt procedures to govern its proceedings, including voting procedures and how the staggered terms shall be apportioned among members.</p>		

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<p>(4)(3) All meetings of the Advisory Commission and any subcommittees of the Advisory Commission shall be open to the public with opportunities for public comment provided on a regular basis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(h) Compensation and reimbursement. Appointed members of the Advisory Commission shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for meetings as deemed appropriate by the Advisory Commission within the appropriation provided. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the Agency of Administration Department of Health.</p>		
<p><i>Language relating to the move of the Health Equity Advisory Commission.</i> Sec. E.312.4 18 V.S.A. § 254 is added to read: <u>§ 254. OFFICE OF HEALTH EQUITY</u> (a) <u>There is established the Office of Health Equity within the Department of Health for the purpose of eliminating avoidable and unjust disparities in health among Vermonters. The Office shall use a systemic and comprehensive approach that addresses those social, economic, and environmental factors that influence health outcomes.</u> (b) <u>The Office of Health Equity shall be directed by an Executive Director, an individual who shall be qualified by reason of education, expertise, and experience and who may have a professional degree in public health, social or environmental justice, or a related field. The Executive Director shall serve on a full-time basis and shall be exempt from classified service.</u></p>	E.312.4	<i>No change.</i>
N/A	E.312.7	<p><i>VDH report on prevention expenditures due to committees of jurisdiction on or before January 15, 2026</i> Sec. E.312.7 PREVENTION EXPENDITURES; REPORT (a) <u>On or before January 15, 2026, the Department of Health shall, in consultation with other departments of the Agency of Human Services, provide a report to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare with information on total or estimated expenditures made by the State on substance use prevention efforts in fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.</u> (1) <u>The report shall include information on the following:</u> (A) <u>all State and federal funds, including special funds, monies have been appropriated from or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts;</u></p>

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		<p><u>(B) the total amounts appropriated from the funds specified in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts;</u></p> <p><u>(C) the recipients of appropriations made from the funds specified in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts or the beneficiaries of grants or subgrants and how monies have been used both according to policy priorities and expenditure category;</u></p> <p><u>(D) the amount of monies appropriated from the funds specified in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts that have been obligated;</u></p> <p><u>(E) the amount of monies appropriated from the funds specified in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts that remain unencumbered or unexpended; and</u></p> <p><u>(F) the extent to which monies appropriated from the funds specified in subdivision (1)(A) of this section or otherwise designated for substance use prevention efforts are subject to reversion or any federal obligation deadlines.</u></p>
<p><i>Extends Stakeholder Working Group on Justice-Involved Youth for two years.</i> Sec. E.316 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.316 is amended to read: Sec. E.316 STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP; FACILITY PLANNING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED YOUTH (a) The Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Buildings and General Services, shall assemble a stakeholder working group to provide regular input on the planning, design, development, and implementation of the temporary stabilization facility for youth and on the development of a long-term plan for the high-end system of care. * * * (f) The stakeholder working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2025 2027.</p>	E.316	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Budgetary inflation reporting in annual budget presentation from DCF.</i> Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 125 is added to read: <u>§ 125. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS</u> <u>Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a one percent increase over the previous fiscal year's funding for community-contracted direct service providers.</u></p>	E.316.1	<i>No change.</i>

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<i>N/A</i>	E.316.2	<p><i>Report from DCF and Chief Superior Judge on supervised visitation program .</i></p> <p>Sec. E.316.2 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS; REPORT</p> <p>(a) <u>On or before January 15, 2026, the Commissioner for Children and Families and the Chief Superior Judge shall jointly submit a report to the House Committees on Human Services and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare and on Judiciary containing a proposal for funding supervised visitation programs. The proposal shall address and recommend sustainable funding for statewide coordination, equitable funding among supervised visitation locations, and access for residents of counties that do not currently provide supervised visitation services. The Commissioner and Chief Superior Judge shall consult the Center for Crime Victim Services, the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, and supervised visitation providers in the preparation of the report.</u></p>
<i>N/A</i>	E.317	<p><i>Extends rulemaking deadline by a year to prevent DCF from having to establish rules twice.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.317 33 V.S.A. § 4922 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 4922. RULEMAKING</p> <p>(a) <u>On or before September 1, 2025 2026</u>, the Commissioner shall file proposed rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 implementing the provisions of this subchapter to become effective on April 1, 2026 2027. These shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) rules setting forth criteria for determining whether to conduct an assessment or an investigation; (2) rules setting out procedures for assessment and service delivery; (3) rules outlining procedures for investigations; (4) rules for conducting the administrative review conference; (5) rules regarding access to and maintenance of Department records of investigations, assessments, reviews, and responses; (6) rules regarding the tiered Registry as required by section 4916 of this title; (7) rules requiring notice and appeal procedures for alternatives to substantiation; <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (8) rules implementing subsections 4916(c) and (e) of this title. <p>(b) <u>The rules shall strike an appropriate balance between protecting children and respecting the rights of a parent or guardian, including a parent or guardian with disabilities, and shall recognize that persons with a disability can be successful parents. The rules shall include the possible use of adaptive equipment and supports.</u></p>

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		(c) These rules shall be adopted no later than July 1, 2009.
N/A	E.318	<p>Clarifying technical correction to CCFAP statute.</p> <p>Sec. E.318 33 V.S.A. § 3505 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 3505. SUPPLEMENTAL CHILD CARE GRANTS</p> <p>(a)(1) The Commissioner for Children and Families may reserve <u>utilize</u> up to one-half of one percent of the child care family assistance program <u>funds appropriated for the Child Care Financial Assistance Program in a fiscal year</u> for extraordinary financial relief to assist child care programs that are at risk of closing due to financial hardship. The Commissioner shall develop guidelines for providing assistance and shall prioritize extraordinary financial relief to child care programs in areas of the State with high poverty and low access to high quality child care. If the Commissioner determines a child care program is at risk of closure because its operations are not fiscally sustainable, he or she <u>they</u> may provide assistance to transition children served by the child care operator in an orderly fashion and to help secure other child care opportunities for children served by the program in an effort to minimize the disruption of services. The Commissioner has the authority to request tax returns and other financial documents to verify the financial hardship and ability to sustain operations.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* * *</p>
<p>General Assistance Emergency Housing language for FY26.</p> <p>Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING</p> <p><u>(a) To the extent emergency housing is available and within the funds appropriated, the Commissioner for Children and Families shall ensure that General Assistance Emergency Housing is provided in fiscal year 2026 to households that attest to lack of a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and have a member who:</u></p> <p><u>(1) is 65 years of age or older;</u></p> <p><u>(2) has a disability that can be documented by:</u></p> <p><u>(A) receipt of Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability Insurance; or</u></p> <p><u>(B) a form developed by the Department as a means of documenting a qualifying disability or health condition that requires:</u></p> <p><u>(i) the applicant's name, date of birth, and the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number or other identifying number;</u></p> <p><u>(ii) a description of the applicant's disability or health condition;</u></p>	E.321	No change.

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<p><u>(iii) a description of the risk posed to the applicant's health, safety, or welfare if temporary emergency housing is not authorized pursuant to this section; and</u></p> <p><u>(iv) a certification of a health care provider, as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 9481, that includes the provider's credentials, credential number, address, and phone number;</u></p> <p><u>(3) is a child 19 years of age or under;</u></p> <p><u>(4) is pregnant;</u></p> <p><u>(5) has experienced the death of a spouse, domestic partner, or minor child that caused the household to lose its housing;</u></p> <p><u>(6) has experienced a natural disaster, such as a flood, fire, or hurricane;</u></p> <p><u>(7) is under a court-ordered eviction or constructive eviction due to circumstances over which the household has no control; or</u></p> <p><u>(8) is experiencing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, hate violence, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a household member that caused the household to lose its housing.</u></p> <p><u>(b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2025 through November 30, 2025 and between April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not exceed 80 days.</u></p> <p><u>(3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section between December 1, 2025 and March 31, 2026. Emergency housing in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.</u></p>		

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<p><u>(4)(A) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, the Department shall require all households applying for or receiving General Assistance Emergency Housing to engage in their own search for and accept any available alternative housing placements. All applicants and eligible households shall regularly provide information to the Department, not less frequently than monthly, about their efforts to secure an alternative housing placement. If the Department determines that a household, at the time of application or during the term of the household's authorization, has not made efforts to secure an alternative housing placement, or has access to an alternative housing placement, the Department shall deny the application or terminate the authorization at the end of the current authorization period.</u></p> <p><u>(B) For purposes of this subdivision (4), "alternative housing placements" may include shelter beds and pods; placements with family or friends; permanent housing solutions, including tiny homes, manufactured homes, and apartments; residential treatment beds for physical health, long-term care, substance use, or mental health; nursing home beds; and recovery homes.</u></p> <p><u>(c) Emergency housing provided pursuant to this section shall replace the catastrophic and noncatastrophic categories previously adopted by the Department in rule.</u></p> <p><u>(d) Emergency housing required pursuant to this section may be provided through approved community-based shelters, new unit generation, open units, licensed hotels or motels, or other appropriate shelter space. The Department shall, when available, prioritize emergency housing at housing or shelter placements other than hotels or motels.</u></p> <p><u>(e) Case management services provided by case managers employed by or under contract with the Agency of Human Services or reimbursed through an Agency-funded grant shall include assisting clients with finding appropriate housing.</u></p> <p><u>(f) The Commissioner for Children and Families shall apply the General Assistance Emergency Housing rules approved by the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules on March 13, 2025 for the administration of this section.</u></p> <p><u>(g) On or before the last day of each month from July 2025 through June 2026, the Department for Children and Families, or other relevant agency or department, shall continue submitting a similar report to that due pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 81, Sec. 6(b) to the Joint Fiscal Committee, House Committee on</u></p>		

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<p><u>Human Services, and Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Additionally, this report shall include the Department's monthly expenditure on General Assistance Emergency Housing.</u></p> <p><u>(h) For emergency housing provided in a hotel or motel beginning on July 1, 2024 and thereafter, the Department for Children and Families shall not pay a hotel or motel establishment more than the hotel's lowest advertised room rate and not more than \$80 a day per room to shelter a household experiencing homelessness. The Department for Children and Families may shelter a household in more than one hotel or motel room depending on the household's size and composition.</u></p> <p><u>(i) The Department for Children and Families shall apply the following rules to participating hotels and motels:</u></p> <p><u>(1) Section 2650.1 of the Department for Children and Families' General Assistance (CVR 13-170-260);</u></p> <p><u>(2) Department of Health, Licensed Lodging Establishment Rule (CVR 13-140-023); and</u></p> <p><u>(3) Department of Public Safety, Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code (CVR 28-070-001).</u></p> <p><u>(j)(1) The Department for Children and Families may work with either a shelter provider or a community housing agency to enter into a full or partial facility lease or sales agreement with a hotel or motel provider. Any facility conversion under this section shall comply with the Office of Economic Opportunity's shelter standards.</u></p> <p><u>(2) If the Department for Children and Families determines that a contractual agreement with a licensed hotel or motel operator to secure temporary emergency housing capacity is beneficial to improve the quality, cleanliness, or access to services for those households temporarily housed in the facility, the Department shall be authorized to enter into such an agreement in accordance with the per-room rate identified in subsection (h) of this section; provided, however, that in no event shall such an agreement cause a household to become unhoused. The Department for Children and Families may include provisions to address access to services or related needs within the contractual agreement.</u></p> <p><u>(k) Of the amount appropriated to implement this section, not more than \$500,000 shall be used for security costs.</u></p> <p><u>(l) As used in this section:</u></p>		

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<p><u>(1) “Community-based shelter” means a shelter that meets the Vermont Housing Opportunity Grant Program’s Standards of Provision of Assistance.</u></p> <p><u>(2) “Household” means an individual and any dependents for whom the individual is legally responsible and who live in Vermont. “Household” includes individuals who reside together as one economic unit, including those who are married, parties to a civil union, or unmarried.</u></p>		
<p><i>No change from Gov. Rec.</i></p>	<p>E.325</p>	<p><i>Updated number.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY</p> <p><u>(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$29,343,655 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families’ Office of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-recognized continuum of care programs.</u></p>
<p><i>Budgetary inflation reporting in annual budget presentation from DAIL.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.329 33 V.S.A. § 506 is added to read:</p> <p><u>§ 506. BUDGETARY INFLATION; DIRECT SERVICE PROVIDERS</u></p> <p><u>Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Department shall inform the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare the cost of adding a one percent increase over the previous fiscal year’s funding for community-contracted direct service providers.</u></p>	<p>E.329</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>
<p><i>Delays implementation of DAIL’s payment reform process, directs DAIL to align case management with existing payment model</i></p> <p>Sec. E.333 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY SERVICES; PAYMENT REFORM</p> <p><u>(a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living’s payment reform process for developmental disability services shall not be implemented prior to July 1, 2026.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Between July 1, 2025 and implementation of the payment reform process for developmental disability services, the Department shall align conflict-free case management with the existing payment model.</u></p>	<p>E.333</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><i>Report on federal funds for recovery coaching for incarcerated individuals.</i> Sec. E.338.1 CORRECTIONS; FEDERAL FUNDS STATUS <u>(a) At or before the Joint Fiscal Committee's November 2025 meeting, the Department of Corrections shall report to the Committee on the status of federal funds that may affect the provision of recovery coaching for incarcerated individuals at the State's correctional facilities.</u></p>	E.338.1	<p><i>Deleted (no federal funds).</i></p>
<p><i>Report language relating to DOC consultant appropriation in Sec. B.1100.</i> Sec. E.338.2 CORRECTIONS; TREATMENT-FOCUSED FACILITY <u>(a) The \$200,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Corrections in Sec. B.1100(i)(1) of this act shall be used to retain a consultant and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp or both to a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.</u> <u>(1) the Northeast Correctional Complex; or</u> <u>(2) the Caledonia County Work Camp.</u> <u>(b) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee concerning the consultant's findings and recommendations related to transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Work Camp, or parts of both, to a treatment-focused facility. The report shall contain the following:</u> <u>(1) a detailed transition plan;</u> <u>(2) expected outcomes and measures of success;</u> <u>(3) an assessment of how transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of both, to a treatment-focused facility aligns with best practices for residential treatment programs; and</u> <u>(4) input from the Department's current medical providers, including an analysis of how the program developed would impact any contract with the Department's third-party medical provider.</u></p>	E.338.2	<p><i>Updates number to match appropriation</i> Sec. E.338.2 CORRECTIONS; TREATMENT-FOCUSED FACILITY <u>(a) The \$250,000 General Fund appropriated to the Department of Corrections in Sec. B.1100(i)(1) of this act shall be used to retain a consultant and develop an implementation plan to transition the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to a treatment-focused facility for incarcerated Vermonters.</u> <u>(b) On or before December 1, 2025, the Department of Corrections shall submit a written report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee concerning the consultant's findings and recommendations related to transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or the Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to a treatment-focused facility. The report shall contain the following:</u> <u>(1) a detailed transition plan;</u> <u>(2) expected outcomes and measures of success;</u> <u>(3) an assessment of how transitioning either the Northeast Correctional Complex or Caledonia County Work Camp, or parts of either or of both, to a treatment-focused facility aligns with best practices for residential treatment programs; and</u> <u>(4) input from the Department's current medical providers, including an analysis of how the program developed would impact any contract with the Department's third-party medical provider.</u></p>
N/A	E.500.1	<p><i>Moves Education Transformation language to E section since funding moved from one-time to base (\$1,000,000 over four years rather than \$4,000,000 as one-time).</i> Sec. E.500.1 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION FUNDING <u>(a) The \$1,000,000 General Fund appropriated to the Agency of Education in Sec. B.500 of this act is to provide additional resources during the State's education transformation. Prior to the expenditure of these funds, the Agency shall submit a</u></p>

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		<u>detailed, unambiguous plan of expenditures related to the transformation of the public education system to the Joint Fiscal Committee, which shall consult with the chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Education when reviewing the Agency's plan.</u>
<p><i>Updates Adult Ed number per formula.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS</p> <p><u>(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of the Education Fund appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, the amount of:</u></p> <p><u>(1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);</u></p> <p><u>(2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;</u></p> <p><u>(3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;</u></p> <p><u>(4) \$4,200,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 947(b);</u></p> <p><u>and</u></p> <p><u>(5) \$2,638,896 is available for the Adult Education and Secondary Credential Program.</u></p> <p><u>(b) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.</u></p>	E.504.1	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Amends statute to direct AOE to pay Adult Ed providers according to the formula in State Board of Education rules.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4011 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 4011. EDUCATION PAYMENTS</p> <p>(a) Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for statewide education spending and a portion of a base education amount for each adult education and secondary credential program student.</p> <p>(b) For each fiscal year, the base education amount shall be \$6,800.00, increased by the most recent New England Economic Project Cumulative Price Index, as of November 15, for state and local government purchases of goods and services from fiscal year 2005 through the fiscal year for which the amount is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(f) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program from funds appropriated for this subsection to the Agency in an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who completes</p>	E.504.2	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>the diagnostic portions of the <u>an adult education and secondary credential program</u>, based on an average of the previous two years; 40, the Secretary shall pay to a local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program an amount that shall be calculated pursuant to the funding formula contained in the State Board of Education adult education rules. Forty percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the payment required under this subsection shall be from State funds appropriated from the General Fund.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>		
<p><i>Report from AOE on Adult Ed funding.</i> Sec. E.504.3 ADULT EDUCATION; FUNDING; REPORT' <u>(a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Education, in consultation with local adult education and literacy providers, shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education with recommendations to modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are distributed equitably across all regions of the State.</u> <u>(b) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy providers for a term of one year. The Agency shall endeavor to maintain the terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.</u></p>	E.504.3	<p><i>Adds AoA to report; requires recommendation from Secretary of Administration on Adult Ed administration.</i> Sec. E.504.3 ADULT EDUCATION; FUNDING; REPORT <u>(a) On or before December 1, 2025, the Agency of Administration and Agency of Education, in consultation with local adult education and literacy providers, shall jointly submit a written report to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations with recommendations to modernize adult education funding to ensure funds are distributed equitably across all regions of the State.</u> <u>(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall make a recommendation to the House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, the Senate Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs, and the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations on any updates to the adult education funding formula pursuant to the recommendations made in the report in subsection (a) of this section. The Secretary of Administration shall also make a recommendation on any administrative changes to adult education, including which agency or department outside of the Agency of Education is best suited to manage adult education grants.</u> <u>(c) For fiscal year 2026, the Agency of Education shall negotiate in good faith to extend the existing contracts with local adult education and literacy providers for a term of one year. The Agency of Education shall endeavor to maintain the terms of the existing contracts to the greatest extent possible.</u></p>
<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation.</i> Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;</p>	E.514.1	<p><i>Updates numbers for pension portion of VPIC compensation (to not include increase).</i> Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM</p>

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<p>OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) Of the <u>\$3,918,155</u> appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,719,271 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and <u>\$1,198,884</u> constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</p>		<p>AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS</p> <p>(a) Of the <u>\$3,810,655</u> appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,719,271 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and <u>\$1,091,384</u> constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.</p>
<p><i>N/A</i></p>	<p>E.602.1</p>	<p><i>Removes final VSC structural deficit payment.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.602.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 67, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.101, and 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113 Sec. E.602.1 is further amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES</p> <p>(a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>(b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.</p> <p>(1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000-00 per year for three years and by \$3,500,000-00 per year for the following two years <u>year</u> through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and increased enrollment revenues, for a total \$22,000,000-00 <u>\$18,500,000</u> by the end of fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p>
<p><i>Language relating to removal of PTT Clean Water Surcharge sunset. Replaces Gov. Rec. construct.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.715 REPEALS; SUNSET OF PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX CLEAN WATER SURCHARGE</p>	<p>E.715</p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p><u>(a) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.10 (sunset of clean water surcharge), as amended by 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, is repealed.</u></p> <p><u>(b) 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.11(a)(5) (effective date of sunset of clean water surcharge) is repealed.</u></p>		
<p><i>Language relating to removal of PTT Clean Water Surcharge sunset. Replaces Gov. Rec. construct.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.715.1 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.1(b) is amended to read:</p> <p>(b) Purpose and intent.</p> <p>(1) The purpose of Secs. I.1–I.12 of this act is to promote the development and improvement of housing for Vermonters.</p> <p>(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly:</p> <p>(A) to extend the clean water surcharge to provide an interim a source of revenue for addressing water quality issues throughout the State; <u>and</u></p> <p>(B) to continue its work on identifying a long-term funding source or sources that are sufficient in scope and targeted in design to address these water quality issues; and</p> <p>(C) once one or more long-term funding sources are identified and enacted, but not later than July 1, 2027, to reduce the amount of the clean water surcharge to 0.04 percent.</p>	E.715.1	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Language relating to removal of PTT Clean Water Surcharge sunset. Replaces Gov. Rec. construct.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.715.2 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.12 is amended to read:</p> <p>Sec. I.12. EFFECTIVE DATES</p> <p>(a) Secs. I.1–I.12 shall take effect on July 1, 2017; except that Sec. I.10 (allocating clean water surcharge revenue to Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund) shall take effect on July 1, 2027.</p>	E.715.2	<i>No change.</i>
<p><i>Language relating to removal of PTT Clean Water Surcharge sunset. Replaces Gov. Rec. construct.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.715.3 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. I.7(d) is amended to read:</p> <p>(d) To compensate for this reduction of available property transfer tax revenue, it is the intent of the General Assembly through this act to provide for the transfer of \$2,500,000.00 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund, as follows:</p> <p>(1) Sec. D.100 of this act appropriates \$11,304,840.00 in fiscal year 2018 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. Upon the effective date of this act, \$1,500,000.00 shall revert to the Fund, resulting in a fiscal year 2018 total appropriation to the Board of \$9,804,840.00. In</p>	E.715.3	<i>No change.</i>

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<p>fiscal year 2018 only, the amount of \$1,500,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.</p> <p>(2) As provided in Sec. I.9 of this act, from July 1, 2017 until July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a, the first \$1,000,000.00 in revenue generated by the clean water surcharge of 0.2 0.22 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. In fiscal year 2018 only, the Commissioner shall transfer the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund to the General Fund.</p> <p>(3) After July 1, 2027, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9602a as amended in Sec. I.10 of this act, \$1,000,000.00 in total revenue generated by the clean water surcharge of 0.04 percent shall be transferred to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund. [Repealed.]</p> <p>(4) As provided in Sec. I.11 of this act, the clean water surcharge will be repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2039. [Repealed.]</p>		
N/A	E.917	<p><i>Appropriation from PILOT Fund for non-federal disaster repair grants.</i></p> <p>Sec. E.917 TOWN HIGHWAY NON-FEDERAL DISASTERS; PILOT FUND</p> <p>(a) <u>Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the amount of \$1,150,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2026 from the PILOT Special Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709 to the Agency of Transportation for the Town Highway Non-Federal Disasters Program.</u></p> <p>(b) <u>The amounts appropriated pursuant to this section shall only be spent for the purpose of providing grants in relation to non-federal disasters pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(d). Any amounts appropriated pursuant to this section that remain unused at the close of fiscal year 2026 shall revert to the PILOT Special Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709.</u></p>
N/A (H.489)	F Sections	<i>See F Sections of H.493 as passed by the Senate and BAA to Big Bill “map”</i>