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

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

APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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(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~~

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

(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.

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(1) ~~\$3,913,200~~ \$5,586,324 General Fund and ~~\$5,366,383~~ \$7,713,259

(o) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2025, funds are appropriated for the following:

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

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

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

14 (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property
15 transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the
16 affordable housing bond pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 314 shall be offset by the
17 reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and
18 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established in
19 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2025 appropriation of ~~\$22,106,740~~
20 \$28,238,050 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the
21 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
22 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
23 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the

1 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be
2 restored.

3 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts in excess of
4 ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
5 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General
6 Fund. The ~~\$7,772,373~~ \$9,052,113 shall be allocated as follows:

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

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

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

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

14 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

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

17 (1) From the General Fund to the:

18 (A) General Obligation Bonds Debt Service Fund (#35100):
19 ~~\$73,212,880~~ \$78,235,088.34.

20 * * *

21 (J) Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund (#21555): ~~\$830,000~~
22 \$6,500,000.

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

1 (C) Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,000,000~~

2 \$6,139,162.

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

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

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

6 (F) Workforce Education and Training Fund (#21913):

7 \$2,598,921.75.

8 (G) Vermont Traumatic Brain Injury Fund (#21994): the balance of

9 the fund at the close of fiscal year 2025.

10 (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of
11 unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to
12 the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report
13 to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred
14 from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency,
15 office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory
16 requirements.

17 (A) AG-Fees & Reimbursements-Court Order Fund (#21638):

18 \$2,000,000.

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

20 (3) ~~\$66,935,000~~ \$63,560,450.50 of the net unencumbered fund balances

21 in the Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075), the Captive

22 Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085), and the Securities

1 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21080) shall be transferred to the General
2 Fund.

3 (c)(1) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.3 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
4 under the Federal Public Assistance Program, in fiscal year 2025, the Secretary
5 of Administration may provide funding from the Emergency Relief and
6 Assistance Fund that was transferred pursuant to subdivision (a)(1)(J) of this
7 section to subgrantees prior to the completion of a project. In fiscal ~~year~~ years
8 2025 and 2026, up to 70 percent of the State funding match on the nonfederal
9 share of an approved project for municipalities that were impacted by ~~the~~
10 ~~August and December 2023~~ and 2024 flooding events in counties that are
11 eligible for Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance funds
12 under federal disaster declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-
13 VT, DR-4816-VT, and DR-4826-VT may be advanced at the request of a
14 municipality.

15 (2) Notwithstanding Sec. 1.4.1 of the Rules for State Matching Funds
16 Under the Federal Public Assistance Program, the Secretary of Administration
17 shall increase the standard State funding match on the nonfederal share of an
18 approved project to the highest percentage possible given available funding for
19 municipalities in counties that were impacted by ~~the August and December~~
20 2023 and 2024 flooding events and are eligible for Federal Emergency
21 Management Agency Public Assistance funds under federal disaster
22 declarations DR-4744-VT ~~and~~, DR-4762-VT, DR-4810-VT, DR-4816-VT, and
23 DR-4826-VT.

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

2 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

3 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
4 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
5 accounts indicated:

6 * * *

7 3150892104 MH – Case Management Serv ~~\$350,000.00~~ \$350,199.34

8 * * *

9 1100892208 AOA – VT Housing Finance Agency \$3,000,000.00

10 1100892403 AOA – Health Equity Community Grants \$500,000.00

11 1120020000 Tuition Assistance Program \$133,877.86

12 1120892401 DHR – New Position in DHR Ops \$477,769.00

13 1120892402 DHR – New Position in VTHR Ops \$40,726.07

14 1140010000 Tax Operation Costs \$1,267,062.22

15 1140060000 Reappraisal and Listing Payments \$35,270.75

16 1140070000 Use Tax Reimbursement Program \$37,864.25

17 1140330000 Renter Rebates \$2,186,940.33

18 1140892403 Tax – Child Care Contr Positions \$3,591,823.02

19 1260980000 Debt Service \$235,445.15

20 1266892401 VPIC – Pension System Assets \$5,000.00

21 2100892201 AG – Racial Disparities \$48,465.00

22 2120892203 JUD – County Court House HVAC \$800,000.00

23 2120892402 JUD – Essex County Courthouse Reno \$50,000.00

1	<u>2130400000 SIUS Parent Account</u>	<u>\$395,749.64</u>
2	<u>2150010000 Mil Admin/TAGO</u>	<u>\$142,789.80</u>
3	<u>2150050000 Mil Vet Affairs Office</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
4	<u>2160892201 CCVS – VT Forensic Nursing</u>	<u>\$246.43</u>
5	<u>2160892304 CCVS – Kurn Hattin Survivor</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
6	<u>2200010000 Administration Division</u>	<u>\$167,222.00</u>
7	<u>3310000000 Commission on Women</u>	<u>\$25,390.43</u>
8	<u>3330892401 GMCB – VHCURES Database Implemen</u>	<u>\$545,782.90</u>
9	<u>3400892111 Supp New Americans Refugee</u>	<u>\$23,431.00</u>
10	<u>3400892301 AHSCO – Refugee Resettlement</u>	<u>\$1,293.00</u>
11	<u>3420892405 HD – Regional Emergency Med</u>	<u>\$8,295.01</u>
12	<u>3440050000 DCFS – AABD</u>	<u>\$35,310.73</u>
13	<u>3440892110 DCF – Grants to Reachup</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>
14	<u>3440892203 DCF – Parent Child Ctrs Cap Imp</u>	<u>\$20,708.22</u>
15	<u>3440892214 DCF – Child Care Provider Workfor</u>	<u>\$294.79</u>
16	<u>4100500000 VT Department of Labor</u>	<u>\$8,000,000.00</u>
17	<u>5100070000 Education Services</u>	<u>\$100,000.00</u>
18	<u>5100892101 AOE – VSC Committee Per Diem</u>	<u>\$16,295.33</u>
19	<u>5100892102 AOA – Advisory Group Per Diem</u>	<u>\$9,018.00</u>
20	<u>5100892103 AOE – ESESAG Per Diems</u>	<u>\$8,960.00</u>
21	<u>5100892201 AOE – Comm Pub Sch Emp Hlth Ben</u>	<u>\$29,050.00</u>
22	<u>5100892202 AOE – Task Force Equit Inclusive</u>	<u>\$6,150.00</u>
23	<u>5100892302 AOE – Ethnic&Social Equity Per D</u>	<u>\$14,386.24</u>

1	<u>6100010000 Administration Management and Planning</u>	<u>\$402,052.99</u>
2	<u>6100040000 Property Tax Assessment Approp</u>	<u>\$11,692.11</u>
3	<u>6140880005 152/00 State Asst Munic Poll Cont</u>	<u>\$126.26</u>
4	<u>7100892301 Everyone Eats</u>	<u>\$144,565.43</u>
5	<u>7120892304 DED – Relocated and Remote Worker</u>	<u>\$127,314.33</u>
6	<u>8100002100 Department of Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>\$2,482.81</u>

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8 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
9 2025, the following amounts shall revert to the Education Fund from the
10 accounts indicated:

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

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

19 Sec. D.103 RESERVES

20 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
21 2025, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds
22 provided:

23 (1) General Fund.

1 (A) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of
2 ~~\$15,168,663~~ \$15,168,660.85 shall be added to the General Fund Budget
3 Stabilization Reserve.

4 (B) \$5,480,000 shall be added to the 27/53 reserve in fiscal year
5 2025. This action is the fiscal year 2025 contribution to the reserve for the
6 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and the 27th payroll
7 reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

8 (C) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, \$3,913,200 shall be
9 unreserved from the Human Services Caseload Reserve established within the
10 General Fund in 32 V.S.A. § 308b.

11 (D) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a), up to \$133,500,000
12 otherwise subject to the requirements of this provision shall, instead, be
13 reserved for permanent housing, property tax relief, and any other uses
14 determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year.
15 The requirements of this subdivision (D) shall extend past July 1 of the
16 subsequent fiscal year and expire upon completion of the current fiscal year's
17 accounting closure period.

18 * * *

19 Sec. 55. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

20 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

21 * * *

22 (d) The conversion of eight limited service positions to exempt permanent
23 status is authorized in fiscal year 2025 as follows:

1 (1) Office of the Defender General:

2 (A) one Administrative Services Tech;

3 (B) two DG IT Specialist II's;

4 (C) one ODG Legal Assistant I;

5 (D) two Staff Attorney I's;

6 (E) one Financial Specialist III; and

7 (F) one Admin Secretary.

8 * * *

9 Sec. 56. 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.100, as amended by 2024
10 Acts and Resolves No. 87, Sec. 56, is further amended to read:

11 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

12 (a) The establishment of 75 permanent positions is authorized in fiscal year
13 2024 for the following:

14 * * *

15 (2) Permanent exempt positions:

16 * * *

17 (F) Office of the State Treasurer:

18 (i) one Director – ~~VT-Saves~~ Economic Empowerment Division;

19 and

20 (ii) one Communications and Outreach Manager – ~~VT-Saves~~

21 Economic Empowerment Division;

22 * * *

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2026

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

10 (1) Fiscal year 2025.

11 * * *

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

18 * * *

19 (2) Fiscal year 2026.

20 * * *

21 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other
22 funds, for fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from
23 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the

1 Liquor Control ~~Board~~ Fund such sums as the Secretary may determine to be
2 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported
3 by State funds.

4 * * *

5 Sec. 59. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 145, Sec. 7 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 7. TELEPHONE TAX; REPEAL; TRANSITION

7 (a) 32 V.S.A. § 8521 (telephone personal property tax) is repealed on July
8 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. The final monthly installment payment of the telephone
9 personal property tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8521 levied on the net book value of
10 the taxpayer's personal property as of December 31, ~~2024~~ 2025 shall be due on
11 or before July 25, ~~2025~~ 2026.

12 (b) 32 V.S.A. § 8522 (alternative telephone gross revenues tax) is repealed
13 on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027. The final quarterly payment of the alternative tax
14 under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due on or before January 25, ~~2026~~ 2027.

15 (c) Any taxpayer who paid the alternative tax imposed by 32 V.S.A. § 8522
16 prior to the repeal of the tax on January 1, ~~2026~~ 2027 shall become subject to
17 the income tax imposed under 32 V.S.A. chapter 151 beginning with the
18 taxpayer's first income tax year starting on or after January 1, ~~2025~~ 2026. No
19 alternative tax under 32 V.S.A. § 8522 shall be due for any period included in
20 the taxpayer's income tax filing for tax years starting on or after January 1,
21 ~~2025~~ 2026.

22 (d) In fiscal year ~~2025~~ 2026, the Division of Property Valuation and
23 Review of the Department of Taxes and all communications service providers

1 with taxable communications property in Vermont shall be subject to the
2 inventory and valuation provisions prescribed in 32 V.S.A. § 4452, as
3 applicable.

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

5 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATES

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

7 * * *

8 (3) Secs. 8–12 (communications property tax) shall take effect on July 1,
9 ~~2025~~ 2026 and shall apply to grand lists lodged on or after April 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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

11 Sec. 15. TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION

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

13 (1) \$500,000.00 is transferred from the Cannabis Regulation Fund
14 established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 845 to the Cannabis Business Development
15 Fund established pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987; and

16 (2) \$500,000.00 is appropriated from the Cannabis Business ~~19~~
17 Development Fund to the ~~Agency of Commerce and Community Development~~
18 Department of Economic Development to fund technical assistance and
19 provide loans and grants pursuant to 7 V.S.A. § 987.

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

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

22 ~~Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), 32 V.S.A. §~~
23 ~~9610(c), or any other provision of law to the contrary, amounts in excess of~~

1 ~~\$32,954,775.00 from the property transfer tax shall be transferred into the~~

2 ~~General Fund. Of this amount:~~

3 ~~(1) \$6,106,335.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~

4 ~~Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund.~~

5 ~~(2) \$1,279,740.00 shall be transferred from the General Fund into the~~

6 ~~Municipal and Regional Planning Fund. [Repealed.]~~

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

8 Sec. 96. APPROPRIATION; RENT ARREARS ASSISTANCE FUND

9 The sum of \$2,500,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the

10 ~~Vermont State Housing Authority~~ Department of Housing and Community

11 Development in fiscal year 2025 for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund

12 established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

13 Sec. 64. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 3, as amended by 2023 Acts

14 and Resolves No. 3, Sec. 75, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.119, and

15 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 181, Sec. 106, is further amended to read:

16 Sec. 3. MANUFACTURED HOME IMPROVEMENT AND

17 REPAIR PROGRAM

18 (a) ~~Amounts~~ Of the amounts available from the American Rescue Plan Act

19 – State Fiscal Recovery funds, \$4,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of

20 Housing and Community Development for the Manufactured Home

21 Improvement and Repair Program and shall be used for one or more of the

22 following purposes:

23 * * *

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

2 Sec. 113b. APPROPRIATION; ~~NATURAL RESOURCES~~ LAND USE

3 REVIEW BOARD

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

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

7 Sec. 24a. COMPENSATION FOR OVERPAYMENT

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

17 (b) ~~Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
18 ~~\$5,924.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
19 ~~Bloomfield in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
20 ~~Town of Bloomfield for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
21 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
22 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
23 ~~directly to the Town of Bloomfield.~~

1 ~~(e) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
2 ~~\$2,575.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
3 ~~Brunswick in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
4 ~~Town of Brunswick for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
5 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
6 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
7 ~~directly to the Town of Brunswick.~~

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

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

22 ~~(f) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
23 ~~\$10,034.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~

1 ~~Guildhall in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
2 ~~Town of Guildhall for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~
3 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
4 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
5 ~~directly to the Town of Guildhall.~~

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

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

20 ~~(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the sum of~~
21 ~~\$11,464.00 shall be transferred from the Education Fund to the Town of~~
22 ~~Maidstone in fiscal year 2025 to compensate the homestead taxpayers of the~~
23 ~~Town of Maidstone for an overpayment of education taxes in fiscal year 2024~~

1 ~~due to erroneous accounting of certain students for the purposes of calculating~~
2 ~~average daily membership. The transfer under this subsection shall be made~~
3 ~~directly to the Town of Maidstone.~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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

19 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for community grants related to health
20 equity. These funds shall not be released until the recommendation and report
21 required by Sec. E.100.1 of this act, regarding the permanent administrative
22 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.

* * *

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

* * *

(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 community partners; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

* * *

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

(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; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

(2) \$15,583,352 Global Commitment Fund #20405 for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for Health Hub and Spoke program; unexpended appropriations shall carry forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose; and

1 * * *

2 (n) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for
3 the following:

4 (1) \$4,595,448 Global Commitment Fund #20405 to the Division of
5 Substance Use Programs for a ~~two-year~~ pilot to expand the Blueprint for
6 Health Hub and Spoke program; unexpended appropriations shall carry
7 forward into subsequent fiscal years and remain available for this purpose;

8 * * *

9 (ee) Joint Fiscal Office. In fiscal year 2024, funds are appropriated for the
10 following:

11 (1) \$250,000 for ~~per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses~~
12 ~~for members of the Task Force on Economic Development Incentives and for~~
13 ~~consulting services approved by the Task Force~~ consulting services related to
14 legislative needs identified in the 2025-2026 biennium, including analysis of
15 legislative staff compensation and organizational structure and implementation
16 of adjustments in accordance with policies adopted by the Joint Legislative
17 Management Committee.

18 * * *

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

21 Sec. B.1102 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME TECHNOLOGY

22 MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

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

4 (1) \$40,010,000 to the Agency of Digital Services to be used as follows:

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

9 * * *

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

11 § 3306. TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION SPECIAL FUND

12 * * *

13 (b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

14 (1) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to it by the General
15 Assembly; and

16 (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

17 * * *

18 Sec. 70. WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FUND; REPEAL

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

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

21 § 9502. TOBACCO TRUST FUND

22 (a)(1) The Tobacco Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State
23 Treasurer for the purposes of creating a self-sustaining, perpetual fund for

1 tobacco cessation and prevention that is not dependent upon tobacco sales
2 volume.

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

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

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

7 (C) contributions from any other source.

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

12 (4) The Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer. The
13 Treasurer may invest monies in the Fund in accordance with the provisions of
14 32 V.S.A. § 434. All balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be
15 carried forward. Interest earned shall remain in the Fund. The Treasurer's
16 annual financial report to the Governor and the General Assembly shall contain
17 an accounting of receipts, disbursements, and earnings of the Fund.

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

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

2 CHAPTER 86. UNDERGROUND UTILITY DAMAGE PREVENTION
3 SYSTEM

4 * * *

5 § 7006. MARKING OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITIES

6 A company notified in accordance with section 7005 of this title shall,
7 within ~~48~~ 72 hours, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, of the
8 receipt of the notice, mark the approximate location of its underground utility
9 facilities in the area of the proposed excavation activities; provided, however,
10 if the company advises the person that the proposed excavation area is of such
11 length or size that the company cannot reasonably mark all of the underground
12 utility facilities within ~~48~~ 72 hours, the person shall notify the company of the
13 specific locations in which the excavation activities will first occur and the
14 company shall mark facilities in those locations within ~~48~~ 72 hours and the
15 remaining facilities within a reasonable time thereafter. A company and an
16 excavator may by agreement fix a later time for the company's marking of the
17 facilities, provided the marking is made prior to excavation activities. For the
18 purposes of this chapter, the approximate location of underground facilities
19 shall be marked with stakes, paint, or other physical means as designated by
20 the Commission.

21 § 7006a. MAINTENANCE OF UNDERGROUND UTILITY FACILITY
22 MARKINGS

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

* * *

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

§ 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

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

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

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

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

§ 706. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS

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

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

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1 notice, as the State Treasurer may determine to be in the best interests of the
2 State.

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

4 § 951a. DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

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

6 * * *

7 (b) Financial resources in each fund shall consist of ~~appropriations by the~~
8 ~~General Assembly to fulfill debt service obligations~~, the transfer of funding
9 sources by the General Assembly to fulfill future debt service obligations,
10 bond proceeds raised to fund a permanent reserve required by a trust
11 agreement entered into to secure bonds, transfers of appropriations effected
12 pursuant to section 706 of this title, investment income earned on balances held
13 in trust agreement accounts as required by a trust agreement, and such other
14 amounts as directed by the General Assembly or that are specifically
15 authorized by provisions of this title. Each debt service fund shall account for
16 the accumulation of resources and the fulfillment of debt service obligations
17 within the current fiscal year and the accumulation of resources for debt
18 service obligations maturing in future fiscal years.

19 * * *

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

21 § 954. PROCEEDS

22 (a) The proceeds arising from the sale of bonds, inclusive of any premiums,
23 shall be applied to the purposes for which they were authorized, and the

1 purposes ~~shall~~ may be considered to include ~~the expenses of preparing, issuing,~~
2 ~~and marketing the bonds and any notes issued under section 955 of this title,~~
3 ~~and~~ underwriters' fees and amounts for reserves, but no purchasers of the
4 bonds shall be in any way bound to see to the proper application of the
5 proceeds. The State Treasurer shall pay the interest on, principal of,
6 investment return on, and maturity value of the bonds and notes as the same
7 fall due or accrue without further order or authority. The State Treasurer, with
8 the approval of the Governor, may establish sinking funds, reserve funds, or
9 other special funds of the State as the State Treasurer may deem for the best
10 interests of the State. To the extent not otherwise provided, the amount
11 necessary each year to fulfill the maturing principal and interest of, investment
12 return and maturity value of, and sinking fund installments on all the bonds
13 then outstanding shall be included in and made a part of the annual
14 appropriation bill for the expense of State government, and the principal and
15 interest on, investment return and maturity value of, and sinking fund
16 installments on the bonds as may come due before appropriations for their
17 fulfillment have been made shall be fulfilled from the applicable debt service
18 fund.

19 (b) ~~The State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated cost of bond~~
20 ~~issuance or issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated by a~~
21 ~~capital construction act and for which bonding is required as the source of~~
22 ~~funds. If estimated receipts are insufficient, the State Treasurer shall allocate~~
23 ~~additional costs to the entities. Any remaining receipts shall not be expended,~~

1 ~~but carried forward to be available for future capital construction acts. If the~~
2 ~~source of funds appropriated by a capital construction act is other than by~~
3 ~~issuance of bonds, the State Treasurer is authorized to allocate the estimated~~
4 ~~cost of ongoing debt management services to the entities to which those funds~~
5 ~~are appropriated~~ shall be appropriated annually from the funds from which
6 transfers are made to fund debt service costs.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 78. VERMONT TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY FUND; REPEAL

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

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

12 Sec. 38. RENTAL HOUSING REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM

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

17 (b) Loans; eligibility; criteria.

18 * * *

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

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

22 (i) seven years; or

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

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

5 * * *

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

7 § 308b. HUMAN SERVICES CASELOAD RESERVE

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

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

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

(1) A ~~sub-account~~ subaccount for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses. Each fiscal year ~~beginning with fiscal year 2020~~, the Department of Finance and Management shall adjust the amount reserved for incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses to equal the amount specified in the ~~Comprehensive Annual~~ Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year occurring two years prior for the estimated amount of incurred but not reported Medicaid expenses associated with the current Medicaid Global Commitment waiver.

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Sec. 81. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND;

UNALLOCATED AND UNRESERVED BALANCE

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

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

Sec. 82. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; FACILITY WORK

PROGRAMS; STRATEGIC PLAN

1 (a) Findings and intent.

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

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

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

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

21 (2) A comprehensive evaluation of the skills provided through facility
22 work programs to determine if those skills are transferable to employment
23 opportunities post-incarceration. The evaluation shall include consideration of

1 expanding technical training and certification opportunities that carry
2 recognized value in the labor market.

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

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

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

18 Sec. 83. MEDICAID PROVIDERS WITH STABILIZATION NEEDS;

19 GRANT ELIGIBILITY

20 (a) All Vermont Medicaid participating providers with demonstrated
21 stabilization needs and a plan to achieve sustainability shall be eligible to apply
22 for funds appropriated pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec.
23 B.1100(o)(4), including substance use residential treatment facilities, federally

1 qualified health centers, residential mental health providers, and other
2 providers of health care and human services.

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

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

10 (2) A description of each grant recipient's financial status prior to
11 receipt of the grant, a summary of the impact of the grant for each recipient,
12 and a summary of a revised long-term sustainability plan for each grant
13 recipient.

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

16 Sec. 84. ADULT DIPLOMA PROGRAM AND HIGH SCHOOL

17 COMPLETION PROGRAM TRANSITIONAL STUDENTS

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

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

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

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

6 Sec. 85. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

7 DISCRETIONARY EXEMPTIONS

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

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

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

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

17 Sec. 5. [Deleted.]

18 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATES

19 (a) Sec. 4 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,
20 2023.

21 (b) ~~Sec. 5 (marriage licenses; 32 V.S.A. § 1712) shall take effect on July 1,~~
22 ~~2025.~~

23 (e) All other sections shall take effect 30 calendar days after passage.

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

3 Sec. 15b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

4 (a) The sum of \$100,000.00 \$100,000 is appropriated in FY fiscal year
5 2025 to the Sergeant at Arms for the following projects:

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

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

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

10 Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

11 * * *

12 (b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a
13 community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate
14 community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human
15 Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be
16 provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available,
17 until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the
18 district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision
19 shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024 through
20 November 30, 2024 ~~and between April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.~~

21 * * *

22 (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to
23 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section

1 between December 1, 2024 and ~~March 31,~~ June 30, 2025. Emergency housing
2 in a hotel or motel provided pursuant to this subdivision shall not count toward
3 the maximum days of eligibility per 12-month period provided in subdivision
4 (2) of this subsection.

5 * * *

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

8 Sec. 1. REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES OF STATE

9 EDUCATION PROPERTY TAXES THAT WERE ABATED DUE
10 TO FLOODING

11 (a)(1) The Commissioner of Taxes may approve an application by a
12 municipality for reimbursement of State education property tax payments owed
13 under 32 V.S.A. § 5402(c) and 16 V.S.A. § 426. To be eligible for
14 reimbursement under this section, prior to November 15, ~~2024~~ 2025, a
15 municipality must have abated, in proportion to the abated municipal tax,
16 under 24 V.S.A. § 1535 the State education property taxes that were assessed
17 on eligible property, after application of any property tax credit allowed under
18 32 V.S.A. chapter 154.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 * * *

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

19 Sec. E.106 CORONAVIRUS STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND

20 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND ESTABLISHMENT

21 OF NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY

22 * * *

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

8 * * *

9 (3) \$30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board to
10 provide support and enhance capacity for the production and preservation of;
11 affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units; including
12 improvements to manufactured homes and communities; permanent homes
13 and emergency shelter for those experiencing homelessness; recovery
14 residences; and housing available to farm workers, refugees, and individuals
15 who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded home and community based
16 services.

17 Sec. 91. CARRYFORWARD AUTHORITY

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
19 of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund, Transportation Fund,
20 Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund, Education Fund, Technology
21 Modernization Special Fund (21951), Clean Water Fund (21932), and
22 Agricultural Water Quality Fund (21933) appropriations remaining

1 unexpended on June 30, 2025 in the Executive Branch shall be carried forward
2 and shall be designated for expenditure.

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

7 Sec. 92. EFFECTIVE DATES

8 (a) This act shall take effect on passage, except that, notwithstanding
9 1 V.S.A. § 214:

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

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