

1 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS STATE
2 FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;
3 REPORTING

4 (a) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
5 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
6 Committee, on the status of appropriations made from the American Rescue
7 Plan Act – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund.

8 (1) Reports shall include information on:

9 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

10 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

11 (C) any remaining spending authority.

12 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
13 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
14 Committee, on the status of any new spending authority established pursuant to
15 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

16 (1) Reports shall include information on:

17 (A) the original amounts appropriated;

18 (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

19 (C) any remaining spending authority.

20 (c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves
21 No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) and (c) that remains unexpended and unencumbered on
22 December 31, 2027 shall revert to the General Fund Balance Reserve.

- 1 (d) The Secretary of Administration shall submit a report to the House and
- 2 Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before January 15, 2028 on the
- 3 amount reverted to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

1 Sec. E.127.1 FISCAL YEAR 2026 FEE REPORT; GENERAL
2 GOVERNMENT

3 (a) Fiscal year 2026 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and
4 offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.100-199, B.400-599, and B. 800-
5 999 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a
6 comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2026. The
7 fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:

8 (1) the statutory authorization and termination date, if any;

9 (2) the current rate or amount of the fee and the date the fee was last set
10 or adjusted by the General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee;

11 (3) the Fund into which the fee revenues are deposited;

12 (4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five
13 fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2026;

14 (5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal
15 years preceding fiscal year 2026;

16 (6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2026 and 2027;

17 (7) a description of the service or product provided or the regulatory
18 function performed by the agency, department, board or office supported by
19 the fee;

20 (8) the amount of the fee if adjusted for inflation from the last time the
21 fee amount was modified using an appropriate index chosen in consultation
22 with the Joint Fiscal Office. The inflation adjustment shall be calculated as the

1 percentage change between the value of the index in the July of the year the fee
2 was last adjusted by the General Assembly and July 2025;

3 (9) if any portion of the fee revenue is deposited into a special fund, the
4 percentage of the special fund's revenues that the fee represents;

5 (10) any available information regarding comparable fees in other
6 jurisdictions;

7 (11) any policies or trends that might affect the viability of the fee
8 amount; and

9 (12) any other relevant considerations for setting the fee amount.

10 (b) Reports.

11 (1) The Joint Fiscal Office shall provide guidance as necessary to the
12 agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this
13 section on the methodology to be used for compiling the information requested
14 in the fee reports. On or before October 15, 2025, the agencies, departments,
15 boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a
16 draft report of the information required in subdivisions (a)(1)–(12) of this
17 section to the Joint Fiscal Office for review. Agencies, departments, boards,
18 and offices shall work with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before
19 submitting the final report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

20 (2) On or before December 15, 2025, the agencies, departments, boards,
21 and offices described in subsection (a) shall submit a jointly prepared final
22 report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means
23 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

1 (3) If any of the information requested in this section cannot be provided
2 for any reason, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in
3 subsection (a) shall include in both the draft and final reports a written
4 explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

5 (c) As used in this section, as it pertains to Executive Branch agencies,
6 departments, boards, and offices, “fee” means any source of State revenue
7 classified by the Department of Finance and Management Accounting System
8 as “fees,” “business licenses,” “nonbusiness licenses,” and “fines and
9 penalties.”

10 (d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.
11 § 605, in fiscal year 2026, the Governor shall not be required to submit the
12 consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General
13 Assembly.

1 Sec. E.301 FISCAL YEAR 2026 RATE INCREASES; EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) The appropriations made in Secs. B.301, B.307, B.313, B.314, B.330,
3 B.333, B.334, and B.334.1 for rate increases for community providers shall
4 take effect on November 1, 2025.

5 (b) The appropriation made in Sec. B.307 for rate increases for Federally
6 Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics shall take effect on
7 November 1, 2025.

1 Sec. XX 9 V.S.A. § 2473 is amended to read:

2 § 2473. NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

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4 (f)(1) For each calendar year in which a paid fundraiser solicits in this State
5 on behalf of a charitable organization, the paid fundraiser shall pay a
6 registration fee of ~~\$500.00~~ \$675.00 to the Attorney General ~~no~~ not later than
7 ~~ten~~ 10 days prior to its first solicitation in this State.

8 (2) Each notice of solicitation filed in accordance with this section shall
9 be accompanied by a fee of ~~\$200.00~~ \$270.00. In the case of a campaign
10 lasting more than 12 months, an additional ~~\$200.00~~ \$270.00 fee shall be paid
11 annually on or before the date of the anniversary of the commencement of the
12 campaign.

13 (3) Fees paid under this subsection shall be deposited in a special fund
14 managed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5, and shall be available
15 to the Attorney General for the costs of administering sections 2471–2479 of
16 this title.

17 Sec. XX 18 V.S.A. § 4632 is amended to read:

18 § 4632. DISCLOSURE OF ALLOWABLE EXPENDITURES AND GIFTS
19 BY MANUFACTURERS OF PRESCRIBED PRODUCTS

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21 (b)(1) Annually on or before April 1, the Office of the Attorney General
22 shall collect a ~~\$500.00~~ \$675.00 fee from each manufacturer of prescribed

1 products filing annual disclosures of expenditures greater than zero described
2 in subsection (a) of this section.

3 (2) Fees collected under this section shall fund collection and analysis of
4 information on activities related to the marketing of prescribed products under
5 section 4631a of this title and under this section. The fees shall be collected in
6 a special fund assigned to the Office.

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

2 § 5. ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS

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4 (b) Executive Branch approval.

5 (1) Approval required. A State agency shall not accept the original of
6 any grant, gift, loan, or any sum of money or thing of value, except as follows:

7 (A) the State agency is granted approval pursuant to this subsection

8 (b); or

9 (B) Joint Fiscal Committee policies adopted pursuant to subsection

10 (e) of this section do not require a State agency to obtain approval.

11 (2) Governor review. The Governor shall review each grant, gift, loan,
12 or any sum of money or thing of value and shall send a copy of the approval or
13 rejection to the Joint Fiscal Committee through the Joint Fiscal Office together
14 with the following information with respect to these items:

15 (A) the source and value;

16 (B) the legal and referenced title, in the case of a grant;

17 (C) the costs, direct and indirect, for the present and future years;

18 (D) the receiving department or program, or both;

19 (E) a brief statement of purpose; and

20 (F) any impact on existing programs if there is a rejection.

21 (3) Legislative review.

22 (A) The Governor's approval in subdivision (b)(2) of this section
23 shall be final, except as follows:

1 (i) When the General Assembly is not in session, within 30 days
2 of receipt of the copy of an approval and related information required under
3 subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a member of the Committee requests such
4 grant, gift, loan, sum of money, or thing of value be placed on the Committee's
5 agenda; or

6 (ii) When the General Assembly is in session, within 30 days of
7 receipt of the copy of an approval and related information required under
8 subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a member of the Committee requests that
9 such grant, gift, loan, sum of money, or thing of value be held for legislative
10 approval or placed on the Committee's agenda. If a copy of an approval and
11 related information is received when the General Assembly is in session, but
12 before the members of the Joint Fiscal Committee are appointed, one of the
13 statutorily appointed members of the Committee may request to hold a grant
14 for legislative approval or placement on the Committee's agenda. Legislative
15 approval under this subdivision may be granted by legislation or resolution.

16 (B) In the event of a request to hold a grant made pursuant to
17 subdivision (3) of this subsection (b), the grant shall not be accepted until
18 approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee or the General Assembly.

19 (C) The 30-day period described in subdivision (3)(A)(~~4~~) of this
20 subsection (b) may be reduced where expedited consideration is warranted in
21 accordance with Joint Fiscal Committee policies adopted pursuant to
22 subsection (e) of this section.

(D) Upon receipt of the copy of an approval and related information required under subdivision (b)(2) of this section while the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Fiscal Committee shall promptly file a notice with the House and Senate Clerks for publication in the respective calendars.

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