

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget H.493
 Summary of Base General Fund Appropriations Changes (in millions)
 Senate Appropriations Committee

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| Appropriations & transfers | Gov. | House | Diff. from Gov | Senate | Diff. from House | Notes (Gov in Black; House in Red; Senate in Blue) |
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| 1 FY 2026 Base with Typical Changes | 2,223.88 | 2,223.88 | - | 2,223.88 | - | Salary and benefit change, internal service funds, municipal property tax assistance |
| 2 Pay Act | 27.79 | 27.79 | - | 27.79 | - | |
| 3 Pension Increases | 17.24 | 17.24 | - | 17.24 | - | Includes pension plus payments, VSTERS, teachers health care |
| 4 Base Transfers | 100.52 | 100.52 | - | 100.52 | - | See supplemental Sheet A; One-time reduction in Cash Fund transfer on one-time sheet |
| Base Appropriations Starting Point | 2,369.43 | 2,369.43 | - | 2,369.43 | - | |

| Base Appropriation Changes Between Gov. Rec., House, and Senate | | | | | | | | | |
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| Sec. | Dept. | Description | Gov | House | Diff. from Gov | Senate | Diff. from House | Notes (Gov in Black; House in Red; Senate in Blue) | |
| 5 | B.125 | LC | Position move per JLMC | - | - | - | 0.17 | 0.17 | Position moved from Legislative Human Resources to Legislative Counsel (net neutral) |
| 6 | B.126 | LEG | Position move per JLMC | - | - | - | (0.17) | (0.17) | Position moved from Legislative Human Resources to Legislative Counsel (net neutral) |
| 7 | B.135 | LRB | Additional Positions | - | - | - | 0.25 | 0.25 | Additional positions at the Labor Relations Board to implement S.125 |
| 8 | B.200 | AG | Additional Positions | - | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.35 | 0.23 | Additional position at the Attorney General's Office for the pre-charge; Additional Solicitor General Position (\$150K) and Home Repair Fraud Coordinator (\$80K) |
| 9 | B.201 | AG - CD | Pre-charge Diversion | - | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.40 | 0.30 | Funding for pre-charge diversion; Expand to all counties that are ready (+300K) |
| 10 | B.204 | JUD | Tech Fund Revenue Replacement | 3.49 | 1.33 | (2.16) | 3.49 | 2.16 | Reduce by \$2.16 million; Technical change, removed in error |
| 11 | B.204 | JUD | Security Services COLA | 0.20 | 0.20 | - | 0.20 | - | |
| 12 | B.205 | SAS | State's Attorneys - Remove Vacancy Savings | - | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | - | Buy back vacancy savings |
| 13 | B.207 | SAS | Sheriffs - Transport Deputies | - | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | - | Additional funding for transport deputies |
| 14 | B.208 | ODG | Training, IT Costs, Rent | - | - | - | 0.12 | 0.12 | \$60,000 training, \$58,000 for assigned counsel cost increase |
| 15 | B.209 | DPS | Eliminate JTOC Transfer | 20.25 | 20.25 | - | 20.25 | - | Replace TF with GF |
| 16 | B.209 | DPS | Radio Equipment | 0.50 | 0.50 | - | 0.50 | - | |
| 17 | B.209 | DPS | School Safety Center | 0.15 | 0.15 | - | 0.15 | - | Continue School Safety Program |
| 18 | B.209 | DPS | Cameras | 0.50 | 0.50 | - | 0.50 | - | |
| 19 | B.209 | DPS | Duty Firearm Replacement | 0.40 | 0.40 | - | 0.40 | - | Hold on Fire Arm Replacement |
| 20 | B.211 | DPS | Hazard Mitigation Grants Manager | 0.01 | 0.01 | - | 0.01 | - | Appropriation is \$5,000 |
| 21 | B.211 | DPS | Urban Search and Rescue | - | - | - | 0.50 | 0.50 | Moved From the base |
| 22 | B.211 | DPS | Emergency Food | - | 0.50 | 0.50 | - | (0.50) | Additional funding to support emergency food purchases; Move to one-time |
| 23 | B.215 | MIL | Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Grants Program | 1.32 | 1.22 | (0.10) | 1.32 | 0.10 | Reduce base by \$100,000 to reflect anticipated actual spending on grants for the Guard Tuition Benefit program; Restore funding |
| 24 | B.221 | CJTC | Canine Trainer | - | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.04 | - | Eliminate contract and add position from the pool |
| 25 | B.225 | AAFM | Conservation Districts | (0.11) | - | 0.11 | - | - | Additional funding for Conservation Districts \$112,000 |
| 26 | B.232 | SOS | Vermont Access Network | - | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | - | Additional funding for Vermont Access Network |
| 27 | B.236 | HRC | Two Additional Positions | - | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | - | Two additional positions from the pool |
| 28 | B.301 | AHSCO | Global Commitment Match | 29.78 | 29.78 | - | 29.78 | - | |
| 29 | B.301 | AHSCO | Match for FQHC and RHC Rate increase | - | 4.42 | 4.42 | 4.42 | - | Total GC appropriation \$10.71 million in DVHA |
| 30 | B.301 | AHSCO | Rate increase for Family Planning E&M Code | - | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.09 | - | Can be matched at 90/10, \$850,000 GC in DVHA |
| 31 | B.301 | AHSCO | Match for Home and Community Based Service 2023 Rate Study Increase | - | 2.79 | 2.79 | 2.79 | - | Total GC appropriation \$6.78 million to DAIL - LTC based on rate study |
| 32 | B.301; B.314; B.330 | AHSCO | 2% Community Providers Rate Increase | - | 5.14 | 5.14 | 5.14 | - | Total GC appropriation \$12.14 million across AHS appropriations for 2% rate increase (see supplemental sheet) |
| 33 | B.301 | AHSCO | 2-1-1 Increase | - | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.14 | - | Total GC appropriation \$332,000 in DCF Admin |
| 34 | B.301 | AHSCO | Recovery Campus Funding | 0.62 | - | (0.62) | - | - | Reflects \$1.5 million GC in VDH - SUP; Eliminate recovery campus pilot funding |
| 35 | B.301 | AHSCO | Medicare Savings Program to 150% FPL (QMB) | - | - | - | 0.16 | 0.16 | For administrative efficiency, move to 150% FPL, \$2.9 million in GC in DVHA |
| 36 | B.313 | VDH - SUP | Reengagement Beds, Withdrawal Management | 1.00 | 1.00 | - | 1.00 | - | |
| 37 | B.313 | VDH - SUP | After Care Navigators | 0.32 | - | (0.32) | - | - | Eliminate additional funding for aftercare navigators (linked to recovery campus funding) |
| 38 | B.314 | DMH | Alternatives to Emergency Beds | 0.36 | 0.36 | - | 0.36 | - | |
| 39 | B.314 | DMH | Howard Center Community Center Outreach | (0.16) | - | 0.16 | - | - | Add back reduction |
| 40 | B.314 | DMH | Embedded Clinicians in Pediatric Offices - First Call | (0.27) | (0.02) | 0.25 | (0.02) | - | Add back \$249,211 (\$20,000 reduction) |
| 41 | B.318 | DCF | CCFAP Caseload Savings | (3.50) | (3.50) | - | (3.50) | - | |
| 42 | B.318 | DCF | CCFAP Shift to Special Fund | (19.00) | (19.00) | - | - | 19.00 | |
| 43 | B.318 | DCF | CCFAP Rate Increase | - | 4.90 | 4.90 | 5.98 | 1.09 | Rate increase for infant and toddlers at 4.5%; Updated to 5.5% rate increase |
| 44 | B.318 | DCF | Apprenticeship Program | - | - | - | 0.16 | 0.16 | Add childcare worker apprenticeship program stipend to the base |
| 45 | B.326 | DCF | OEO - Housing Opportunities Program | 3.35 | 3.35 | - | 3.35 | - | |
| 46 | B.329 | DAIL | Conflict Free Case Management | 0.64 | 0.64 | - | 0.64 | - | Reflects \$1.29 million GC |
| 47 | B.331 | DAIL | Pathways to Partnership Grants | - | - | - | - | - | Technical update - incorrectly reflected in GF, federal funds appropriation |
| 48 | B.338 | DOC | Pretrial Extension | 0.65 | 0.65 | - | 0.65 | - | |
| 49 | B.342 | VVH | Rebase Budget | 5.71 | 5.71 | - | 5.71 | - | |

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| 50 | B.345 | GMCB | Expansion for AHEAD | 0.30 | 0.30 | - | 0.30 | - | 3 additional positions |
| 51 | B.345 | GMCB | Additional Positions | - | - | - | 0.51 | 0.51 | 3 additional positions per S.126 |
| 52 | B.400 | Labor | Workforce Expansion | 0.04 | 0.04 | - | 0.04 | - | |
| 53 | B.400 | Labor | State Workforce Development Board | 0.04 | 0.04 | - | 0.04 | - | |
| 54 | B.500 | AOE | Education Transformation | - | - | - | 1.00 | 1.00 | Moved from one-time; \$1 million every year for four years |
| 55 | B.504 | AOE | Adult Education Funding Correction | - | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | - | Additional projected funding for AEL, additional \$120,141 from EF in B.504.1. Total \$300,353; Additional language |
| 56 | B.600 | UVM | 3% Increase | 1.67 | 1.67 | - | 1.67 | - | |
| 57 | B.601 | VSC | 3% Increase | 1.53 | 1.53 | - | 1.53 | - | |
| 58 | B.603/604 | VSAC | 3% Increase | 0.95 | 0.95 | - | 0.95 | - | |
| 59 | B.607 | MHF | Base Appropriation (Morgan Horse Farm) | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | - | Add \$1 for base appropriation |
| 60 | B.700 | ANR | Attorney | - | - | - | - | - | Additional attorney position for superfund litigation |
| 61 | B.703 | F&W | Act 181 Positions | - | - | - | 0.15 | 0.15 | Additional positions for Act 181 Implementation |
| 62 | B.711 | DEC | Concentrated Animal Feeding Permit Transition | 0.30 | 0.30 | - | 0.30 | - | |
| 63 | B.713 | LURB | Positions | - | - | - | 0.15 | 0.15 | Additional base funding for existing positions |
| 64 | B.800 | ACCD | Dun & Bradstreet | 0.04 | 0.04 | - | 0.04 | - | |
| 65 | B.800 | ACCD | DOL Economic Analysis | 0.03 | 0.03 | - | 0.03 | - | |
| 66 | B.800 | ACCD | Sustainable Jobs Fund Grant Increase | 0.03 | 0.03 | - | - | (0.03) | Remove increase (\$25,000) |
| 67 | B.801 | DED | International Business Development Office | 0.35 | - | (0.35) | 0.15 | 0.15 | Eliminate funding; equal to onetime appropriation from FY 2025 |
| 68 | B.802 | DHCD | Manufactured Home Improvement & Repair (MHIR) Prgm | 2.15 | 2.00 | (0.15) | 2.15 | 0.15 | |
| 69 | B.802 | DHCD | VHIP (including positions) | 4.30 | - | (4.30) | - | - | Shift to one-time |
| 70 | B.806 | T&M | Increase Grow Grants | 0.35 | - | (0.35) | - | - | Reduce GROW Grants |
| 71 | B.811 | VHCB | Land Access Opportunities Board | - | 1.63 | 1.63 | 1.63 | - | Moved from one-time to base |
| 72 | | Ethics | Additional Position | - | - | - | - | - | Additional position |
| 73 | All other Changes | | | 0.25 | 0.27 | 0.02 | (0.19) | (0.46) | |
| 74 | Subtotal Appropriation changes | | | 58.52 | 73.36 | 14.83 | 98.54 | 25.18 | |
| 75 | Reserves | | | | | | | | |
| 76 | Unreserved from Budget Stabilization Reserve | | | (1.43) | (1.68) | (0.25) | (1.88) | (0.20) | Change based on statutory reserve calculations; Updated based on C Sec. changes ; |
| 77 | Unreserved from Human Services Caseload Reserve | | | (2.72) | (2.72) | - | (2.72) | - | Updated Based on FY2025 Budget Changes |
| 78 | Reserved in 27/53 | | | 5.70 | 5.70 | - | 5.70 | - | Change based on statutory reserve calculations |
| 79 | Subtotal Base Appropriation and Reserve Changes | | | 60.07 | 74.66 | 14.59 | 99.64 | 24.98 | |
| 80 | Other Bills | | | | | | | | |
| 81 | H.91 - Emergency Housing | | | - | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | - | Funding set aside for H.91 |
| 82 | Subtotal Other Bills with Base Spending | | | - | 10.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 0.00 | |
| 83 | Subtotal All Base Changes | | | 60.07 | 84.66 | 24.59 | 109.64 | 24.98 | |
| 84 | Total Base Appropriations & Reserves | | | 2,429.50 | 2,454.09 | 24.59 | 2,479.07 | 24.98 | |
| 85 | Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| 86 | Base Revenue | | | | | | | | |
| 87 | Forecast General Fund | | | 2,406.78 | 2,406.78 | - | 2,406.78 | - | |
| 88 | Direct Applications | | | 102.53 | 102.53 | - | 102.53 | - | See supplemental Sheet A |
| 89 | Cannabis Fund | | | 5.90 | 5.90 | - | 8.90 | 3.00 | Additional \$3 million projected available |
| 90 | Revenue Changes | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Downtown and Village Tax Credit Cap Adjustment | | | (2.00) | - | 2.00 | - | - | |
| 92 | Expand Child Tax Credit to Age 6 | | | (4.50) | - | 4.50 | - | - | |
| 93 | Expand "Childless" EITC to 100% | | | (3.00) | - | 3.00 | - | - | |
| 94 | Expand Social Security Exemption | | | (2.10) | - | 2.10 | - | - | |
| 95 | Military Pension Tax Exemption | | | (3.90) | - | 3.90 | - | - | |
| 96 | Home Care Providers Credit | | | - | - | - | (6.00) | (6.00) | Per. S. 51 an act related to unpaid caregiver tax credit |
| 97 | Revenue Adjustments | | | - | (13.50) | (13.50) | (4.00) | 9.50 | Pending further House action; Pending further Senate action |
| 98 | Subtotal Additional Revenue | | | (15.50) | (13.50) | 2.00 | (10.00) | 3.50 | |
| 99 | Total Revenue | | | 2,499.71 | 2,501.71 | 2.00 | 2,508.21 | 6.50 | |
| 100 | Balance Used to Cover One-time Appropriations | | | 70.21 | 47.62 | (22.59) | 29.14 | (18.48) | |