

Report of the Committee of Conference

H.951

TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

The Committee of Conference, to which were referred the disagreeing votes of the two Houses upon House Bill entitled:

H.951. An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government.

Respectfully reports that it has met and considered the same and recommends that the Senate recede from its proposal of amendment and that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

* * * Purpose, Definitions, Legend * * *

Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

(a) This bill may be referred to as the “BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations Act.”

Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

(a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds during fiscal year 2027. It is the express intent of the General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments, divisions, boards, offices, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported by funds appropriated in

this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2026. Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2027 so as to meet this condition unless otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General Assembly.

Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the primary source and reference for appropriations for the operations of State government and for capital appropriations not funded with bond proceeds in fiscal year 2027.

(b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during which any of the operating appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from funds shown as the source of funds. Capital appropriations funded from the Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments shall be subject to the provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 1001b(e). If in this act there is an error in either addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

(c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2027.

Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

(a) As used in this act:

(1) “Capital appropriation” means an appropriation for tangible capital investments or expenses that are eligible to be funded from general obligation debt financing and are allowed under federal laws governing the use of State bond proceeds as described in 32 V.S.A. § 309.

(2) “Encumbrances” means a portion of spending authority reserved for the subsequent payment of existing travel authorizations, purchase orders, grants, or contracts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the appropriateness of encumbrances.

(3) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to community and quasipublic agencies for providing local services, and to persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

(4) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities; office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

(5) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

(a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) In fiscal year 2027, the Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including block grants in lieu of, or in addition to, funds herein designated as federal. The Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

(b) If, during fiscal year 2027, federal funds available to the State and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2026 session of the General Assembly are converted into block grants or are abolished under their current

title in federal law and reestablished under a new title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not more than 45 days prior to General Assembly or Joint Fiscal Committee approval. Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's request for approval.

Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during fiscal year 2027 except for new positions authorized by the General Assembly during the 2026 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

Sec. A.108 LEGEND

(a) This act is organized by functions of government. The sections between B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas by section numbers are as follows:

<u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
<u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
<u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
<u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
<u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
<u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
<u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
<u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community Development</u>
<u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
<u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
<u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation actions</u>

(b) The C sections contain any amendments to the current fiscal year; the D sections contain fund allocations, transfers, reversions, and reservations for the upcoming budget year; the F sections contain the Pay Act; and the G section contains effective dates applicable to the act itself or specific sections within this act.

* * * Fiscal Year 2027 Base Appropriations * * *

Sec. B.100 Secretary of administration - secretary's office

Personal services	2,506,216
Operating expenses	266,559
Grants	<u>125,000</u>
Total	2,897,775

Source of funds

General fund	1,861,224
Special funds	125,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>911,551</u>
Total	2,897,775

Sec. B.100.1 Secretary of administration - office of racial equity

Personal services	1,568,041
Operating expenses	<u>95,802</u>
Total	1,663,843

Source of funds

General fund	1,113,347
Internal service funds	<u>550,496</u>
Total	1,663,843

Sec. B.101 Secretary of administration - finance

Personal services	1,557,057
Operating expenses	<u>185,178</u>
Total	1,742,235

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers 1,742,235

Total 1,742,235

Sec. B.102 Secretary of administration - workers' compensation insurance

Personal services 896,646

Operating expenses 104,349

Total 1,000,995

Source of funds

Internal service funds 1,000,995

Total 1,000,995

Sec. B.103 Secretary of administration - general liability insurance

Personal services 417,351

Operating expenses 68,210

Total 485,561

Source of funds

Internal service funds 485,561

Total 485,561

Sec. B.104 Secretary of administration - all other insurance

Personal services 301,453

Operating expenses 57,383

Total 358,836

Source of funds

Internal service funds 358,836

Total 358,836

Sec. B.104.1 Retired state employees pension plus funding

Grants 15,000,000

Total 15,000,000

Source of funds

General fund 15,000,000

Total 15,000,000

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

Personal services 33,055,594

Operating expenses 16,188,998

Total 49,244,592

Source of funds

General fund 9,317,892

Special funds 1,031,998

Internal service funds 38,894,702

Total 49,244,592

Sec. B.105.1 Agency of digital services - demand driven services

Personal services 32,005,770

Operating expenses	<u>15,300,212</u>
Total	47,305,982
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>47,305,982</u>
Total	47,305,982
Sec. B.106 Finance and management - budget and management	
Personal services	1,726,678
Operating expenses	<u>376,867</u>
Total	2,103,545
Source of funds	
General fund	1,320,303
Internal service funds	517,237
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>266,005</u>
Total	2,103,545
Sec. B.107 Finance and management - financial operations	
Personal services	3,263,811
Operating expenses	<u>835,537</u>
Total	4,099,348
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	3,880,186
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>219,162</u>

Total	4,099,348
Sec. B.108 Human resources - operations	
Personal services	12,618,652
Operating expenses	<u>1,683,153</u>
Total	14,301,805
Source of funds	
General fund	2,009,464
Special funds	180,668
Internal service funds	11,149,163
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>962,510</u>
Total	14,301,805
Sec. B.108.1 Human resources - VTHR operations	
Personal services	2,495,563
Operating expenses	<u>989,816</u>
Total	3,485,379
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	3,335,155
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>150,224</u>
Total	3,485,379
Sec. B.109 Human resources - employee benefits & wellness	
Personal services	1,470,728

Operating expenses	<u>765,201</u>
Total	2,235,929
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>2,235,929</u>
Total	2,235,929
Sec. B.110 Libraries	
Personal services	3,142,573
Operating expenses	548,504
Grants	<u>238,660</u>
Total	3,929,737
Source of funds	
General fund	2,470,909
Special funds	87,178
Federal funds	1,241,835
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>129,815</u>
Total	3,929,737
Sec. B.111 Tax - administration/collection	
Personal services	30,878,080
Operating expenses	<u>7,323,104</u>
Total	38,201,184
Source of funds	

General fund	25,818,400
Special funds	12,332,784
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>
Total	38,201,184

Sec. B.112 Buildings and general services - administration

Personal services	1,090,871
Operating expenses	<u>228,872</u>
Total	1,319,743

Source of funds

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,319,743</u>
Total	1,319,743

Sec. B.113 Buildings and general services - engineering

Personal services	102,231
Operating expenses	<u>1,114,195</u>
Total	1,216,426

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,216,426</u>
Total	1,216,426

Sec. B.113.1 Buildings and general services engineering - capital projects

Personal services	3,489,916
Operating expenses	<u>500,000</u>

Total	3,989,916
Source of funds	
General fund	3,351,480
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>638,436</u>
Total	3,989,916
Sec. B.114 Buildings and general services - information centers	
Personal services	3,684,847
Operating expenses	<u>2,228,705</u>
Total	5,913,552
Source of funds	
General fund	723,210
Transportation fund	4,710,621
Special funds	<u>479,721</u>
Total	5,913,552
Sec. B.115 Buildings and general services - purchasing	
Personal services	3,189,478
Operating expenses	<u>266,883</u>
Total	3,456,361
Source of funds	
General fund	1,727,877
Internal service funds	1,386,959

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>341,525</u>
Total	3,456,361
Sec. B.116 Buildings and general services - postal services	
Personal services	892,320
Operating expenses	<u>173,126</u>
Total	1,065,446
Source of funds	
General fund	96,479
Internal service funds	<u>968,967</u>
Total	1,065,446
Sec. B.117 Buildings and general services - copy center	
Personal services	992,680
Operating expenses	<u>217,022</u>
Total	1,209,702
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>1,209,702</u>
Total	1,209,702
Sec. B.118 Buildings and general services - fleet management services	
Personal services	1,086,176
Operating expenses	<u>251,051</u>
Total	1,337,227

Source of funds

Internal service funds	1,238,057
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,170</u>
Total	1,337,227

Sec. B.119 Buildings and general services - federal surplus property

Operating expenses	<u>4,427</u>
Total	4,427

Source of funds

Enterprise funds	<u>4,427</u>
Total	4,427

Sec. B.120 Buildings and general services - state surplus property

Personal services	389,970
Operating expenses	<u>167,097</u>
Total	557,067

Source of funds

Internal service funds	<u>557,067</u>
Total	557,067

Sec. B.121 Buildings and general services - property management

Personal services	1,250,068
Operating expenses	<u>722,602</u>
Total	1,972,670

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	1,830,898
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>141,772</u>
Total	1,972,670
Sec. B.122 Buildings and general services - fee for space	
Personal services	23,787,396
Operating expenses	<u>17,757,907</u>
Total	41,545,303
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>41,545,303</u>
Total	41,545,303
Sec. B.124 Executive office - governor's office	
Personal services	2,087,428
Operating expenses	<u>571,877</u>
Total	2,659,305
Source of funds	
General fund	2,086,338
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>572,967</u>
Total	2,659,305
Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel	
Personal services	5,562,384

Operating expenses	<u>305,246</u>
Total	5,867,630
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>5,867,630</u>
Total	5,867,630
Sec. B.126 Legislature	
Personal services	6,319,895
Operating expenses	<u>5,653,460</u>
Total	11,973,355
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>11,973,355</u>
Total	11,973,355
Sec. B.126.1 Legislative information technology	
Personal services	1,589,468
Operating expenses	<u>940,400</u>
Total	2,529,868
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,529,868</u>
Total	2,529,868
Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee	
Personal services	3,218,498

Operating expenses	<u>203,144</u>
Total	3,421,642
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,421,642</u>
Total	3,421,642
Sec. B.128 Sergeant at arms	
Personal services	1,738,030
Operating expenses	<u>215,269</u>
Total	1,953,299
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>1,953,299</u>
Total	1,953,299
Sec. B.129 Lieutenant governor	
Personal services	256,396
Operating expenses	<u>65,515</u>
Total	321,911
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>321,911</u>
Total	321,911
Sec. B.130 Auditor of accounts	
Personal services	4,914,039

Operating expenses	<u>159,245</u>
Total	5,073,284
Source of funds	
General fund	289,054
Special funds	53,145
Internal service funds	<u>4,731,085</u>
Total	5,073,284
Sec. B.131 State treasurer	
Personal services	7,459,970
Operating expenses	<u>378,493</u>
Total	7,838,463
Source of funds	
General fund	2,744,590
Special funds	4,713,210
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>380,663</u>
Total	7,838,463
Sec. B.132 State treasurer - unclaimed property	
Personal services	980,240
Operating expenses	<u>669,064</u>
Total	1,649,304
Source of funds	

Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,649,304</u>
Total	1,649,304
Sec. B.133 Vermont state retirement system	
Personal services	287,163
Operating expenses	<u>3,480,963</u>
Total	3,768,126
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>3,768,126</u>
Total	3,768,126
Sec. B.134 Municipal employees' retirement system	
Personal services	234,016
Operating expenses	<u>1,973,853</u>
Total	2,207,869
Source of funds	
Pension trust funds	<u>2,207,869</u>
Total	2,207,869
Sec. B.134.1 Vermont pension investment commission	
Personal services	2,696,175
Operating expenses	<u>286,820</u>
Total	2,982,995
Source of funds	

Special funds	<u>2,982,995</u>
Total	2,982,995
Sec. B.135 State labor relations board	
Personal services	435,622
Operating expenses	<u>85,406</u>
Total	521,028
Source of funds	
General fund	507,202
Special funds	11,038
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,788</u>
Total	521,028
Sec. B.136 VOSHA review board	
Personal services	114,314
Operating expenses	<u>27,965</u>
Total	142,279
Source of funds	
General fund	91,275
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>51,004</u>
Total	142,279
Sec. B.136.1 Ethics commission	
Personal services	364,306

Operating expenses	<u>36,234</u>
Total	400,540
Source of funds	
General fund	150,000
Internal service funds	<u>250,540</u>
Total	400,540
Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate	
Grants	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	17,500,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>17,500,000</u>
Total	17,500,000
Sec. B.138 Renter rebate	
Grants	<u>15,500,000</u>
Total	15,500,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>15,500,000</u>
Total	15,500,000
Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments	
Grants	<u>3,410,000</u>
Total	3,410,000

Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,410,000</u>
Total	3,410,000
Sec. B.140 Municipal current use	
Grants	<u>21,650,000</u>
Total	21,650,000
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>21,650,000</u>
Total	21,650,000
Sec. B.142 Payments in lieu of taxes	
Grants	<u>12,200,000</u>
Total	12,200,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>12,200,000</u>
Total	12,200,000
Sec. B.144 Payments in lieu of taxes - correctional facilities	
Grants	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>40,000</u>
Total	40,000

Sec. B.145 Total general government

Source of funds

General fund	152,613,175
Transportation fund	4,710,621
Special funds	37,647,737
Federal funds	1,241,835
Internal service funds	163,432,820
Interdepartmental transfers	7,979,570
Enterprise funds	4,427
Pension trust funds	5,975,995
Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,649,304</u>
Total	375,255,484

Sec. B.200 Attorney general

Personal services	17,117,330
Operating expenses	2,045,972
Grants	<u>20,000</u>
Total	19,183,302

Source of funds

General fund	8,947,036
Special funds	2,976,044
Tobacco fund	434,660

Federal funds	1,956,258
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,869,304</u>
Total	19,183,302
Sec. B.201 Vermont court diversion	
Personal services	1,250
Grants	<u>5,012,871</u>
Total	5,014,121
Source of funds	
General fund	4,756,124
Special funds	<u>257,997</u>
Total	5,014,121
Sec. B.202 Defender general - public defense	
Personal services	20,439,822
Operating expenses	<u>1,855,610</u>
Total	22,295,432
Source of funds	
General fund	21,705,779
Special funds	<u>589,653</u>
Total	22,295,432
Sec. B.203 Defender general - assigned counsel	
Personal services	8,277,975

Operating expenses	<u>64,500</u>
Total	8,342,475
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>8,342,475</u>
Total	8,342,475
Sec. B.204 Judiciary	
Personal services	67,540,550
Operating expenses	14,904,686
Grants	<u>121,030</u>
Total	82,566,266
Source of funds	
General fund	76,767,361
Special funds	1,970,905
Federal funds	1,580,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,248,000</u>
Total	82,566,266
Sec. B.205 State's attorneys	
Personal services	19,675,456
Operating expenses	<u>2,818,379</u>
Total	22,493,835
Source of funds	

General fund	21,865,234
Federal funds	31,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>597,601</u>
Total	22,493,835
Sec. B.206 Special investigative unit	
Personal services	151,063
Operating expenses	34,335
Grants	<u>2,174,400</u>
Total	2,359,798
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>2,359,798</u>
Total	2,359,798
Sec. B.206.1 Crime victims advocates	
Personal services	3,733,421
Operating expenses	<u>104,756</u>
Total	3,838,177
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>3,838,177</u>
Total	3,838,177
Sec. B.207 Sheriffs	
Personal services	6,738,595

Operating expenses	<u>475,338</u>
Total	7,213,933
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>7,213,933</u>
Total	7,213,933
Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration	
Personal services	6,697,580
Operating expenses	6,307,218
Grants	<u>278,285</u>
Total	13,283,083
Source of funds	
General fund	7,978,921
Special funds	162,545
Federal funds	1,108,908
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,032,709</u>
Total	13,283,083
Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police	
Personal services	85,401,432
Operating expenses	21,768,293
Grants	<u>5,105,175</u>
Total	112,274,900

Source of funds

General fund	92,333,444
Special funds	3,272,346
Federal funds	15,200,575
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,468,535</u>
Total	112,274,900

Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services

Personal services	5,274,841
Operating expenses	2,267,161
Grants	<u>47,775</u>
Total	7,589,777

Source of funds

General fund	3,140,979
Special funds	3,502,099
Federal funds	<u>946,699</u>
Total	7,589,777

Sec. B.211 Public safety - emergency management

Personal services	6,727,689
Operating expenses	1,030,786
Grants	<u>62,267,474</u>
Total	70,025,949

Source of funds

General fund	1,717,693
Special funds	710,000
Federal funds	67,578,256
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>20,000</u>
Total	70,025,949

Sec. B.212 Public safety - fire safety

Personal services	10,703,913
Operating expenses	4,581,165
Grants	<u>55,000</u>
Total	15,340,078

Source of funds

General fund	2,339,163
Special funds	11,259,010
Federal funds	1,696,905
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>45,000</u>
Total	15,340,078

Sec. B.213 Public safety - forensic laboratory

Personal services	4,643,753
Operating expenses	<u>1,465,076</u>
Total	6,108,829

Source of funds

General fund	4,435,869
Special funds	70,131
Federal funds	1,087,429
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>515,400</u>
Total	6,108,829

Sec. B.215 Military - administration

Personal services	1,179,336
Operating expenses	916,266
Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>
Total	3,315,436

Source of funds

General fund	<u>3,315,436</u>
Total	3,315,436

Sec. B.216 Military - air service contract

Personal services	12,390,019
Operating expenses	<u>1,476,497</u>
Total	13,866,516

Source of funds

General fund	846,658
Federal funds	<u>13,019,858</u>

Total	13,866,516
Sec. B.217 Military - army service contract	
Personal services	45,572,956
Operating expenses	<u>8,116,785</u>
Total	53,689,741
Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>53,689,741</u>
Total	53,689,741
Sec. B.218 Military - building maintenance	
Personal services	1,215,984
Operating expenses	<u>773,080</u>
Total	1,989,064
Source of funds	
General fund	1,926,564
Special funds	<u>62,500</u>
Total	1,989,064
Sec. B.219 Military - veterans' affairs	
Personal services	1,462,774
Operating expenses	189,912
Grants	<u>37,500</u>
Total	1,690,186

Source of funds

General fund	1,511,104
Special funds	52,149
Federal funds	<u>126,933</u>
Total	1,690,186

Sec. B.220 Center for crime victim services

Personal services	2,391,977
Operating expenses	349,027
Grants	<u>8,450,425</u>
Total	11,191,429

Source of funds

General fund	1,662,398
Special funds	3,765,489
Federal funds	<u>5,763,542</u>
Total	11,191,429

Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council

Personal services	2,691,167
Operating expenses	<u>1,987,866</u>
Total	4,679,033

Source of funds

General fund	4,331,708
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Interdepartmental transfers	<u>347,325</u>
Total	4,679,033
Sec. B.222 Agriculture, food and markets - administration	
Personal services	3,612,905
Operating expenses	<u>462,506</u>
Total	4,075,411
Source of funds	
General fund	1,650,272
Special funds	1,919,780
Federal funds	497,859
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>7,500</u>
Total	4,075,411
Sec. B.223 Agriculture, food and markets - food safety and consumer protection	
Personal services	6,110,557
Operating expenses	1,310,703
Grants	<u>2,780,000</u>
Total	10,201,260
Source of funds	
General fund	4,235,750
Special funds	3,830,620
Federal funds	2,122,890

Interdepartmental transfers	<u>12,000</u>
Total	10,201,260

Sec. B.224 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural development

Personal services	3,031,439
Operating expenses	720,667
Grants	<u>16,318,200</u>
Total	20,070,306

Source of funds

General fund	3,232,484
Special funds	683,149
Federal funds	16,103,955
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,718</u>
Total	20,070,306

Sec. B.225 Agriculture, food and markets - agricultural resource management
and environmental stewardship

Personal services	3,112,283
Operating expenses	916,568
Grants	<u>555,000</u>
Total	4,583,851

Source of funds

General fund	808,770
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Special funds	2,977,583
Federal funds	411,751
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>385,747</u>
Total	4,583,851

Sec. B.225.1 Agriculture, food and markets - Vermont agriculture and
environmental lab

Personal services	2,118,554
Operating expenses	<u>1,425,694</u>
Total	3,544,248

Source of funds

General fund	1,657,622
Special funds	1,799,983
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>86,643</u>
Total	3,544,248

Sec. B.225.2 Agriculture, food and markets - clean water

Personal services	4,302,930
Operating expenses	596,899
Grants	<u>13,704,381</u>
Total	18,604,210

Source of funds

General fund	2,040,981
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Special funds	13,143,719
Federal funds	899,994
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,519,516</u>
Total	18,604,210
Sec. B.226 Financial regulation - administration	
Personal services	3,191,764
Operating expenses	119,849
Grants	<u>100,000</u>
Total	3,411,613
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,411,613</u>
Total	3,411,613
Sec. B.227 Financial regulation - banking	
Personal services	2,626,530
Operating expenses	<u>489,061</u>
Total	3,115,591
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>3,115,591</u>
Total	3,115,591
Sec. B.228 Financial regulation - insurance	
Personal services	6,081,320

Operating expenses	<u>726,826</u>
Total	6,808,146
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>6,808,146</u>
Total	6,808,146
Sec. B.229 Financial regulation - captive insurance	
Personal services	5,852,030
Operating expenses	<u>485,166</u>
Total	6,337,196
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>6,337,196</u>
Total	6,337,196
Sec. B.230 Financial regulation - securities	
Personal services	1,484,957
Operating expenses	<u>236,805</u>
Total	1,721,762
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>1,721,762</u>
Total	1,721,762
Sec. B.232 Secretary of state	
Personal services	22,771,803

Operating expenses	3,553,687
Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
Total	28,125,490

Source of funds

General fund	1,800,000
Special funds	21,682,168
Federal funds	<u>4,643,322</u>
Total	28,125,490

Sec. B.233 Public service - regulation and energy

Personal services	13,710,252
Operating expenses	2,748,196
Grants	<u>16,375,000</u>
Total	32,833,448

Source of funds

Special funds	12,654,322
Federal funds	18,595,869
Interdepartmental transfers	1,568,571
Enterprise funds	<u>14,686</u>
Total	32,833,448

Sec. B.233.1 VT Community broadband board

Personal services	2,453,429
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Operating expenses	816,431
Grants	<u>43,000,000</u>
Total	46,269,860
Source of funds	
Special funds	882,735
Federal funds	<u>45,387,125</u>
Total	46,269,860
Sec. B.234 Public utility commission	
Personal services	4,685,041
Operating expenses	<u>604,301</u>
Total	5,289,342
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,289,342</u>
Total	5,289,342
Sec. B.235 Enhanced 9-1-1 board	
Personal services	4,854,520
Operating expenses	<u>704,797</u>
Total	5,559,317
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>5,559,317</u>
Total	5,559,317

Sec. B.236 Human rights commission

Personal services	1,352,987
Operating expenses	<u>178,128</u>
Total	1,531,115

Source of funds

General fund	<u>1,531,115</u>
Total	1,531,115

Sec. B.236.1 Liquor and lottery commission

Personal services	11,295,690
Operating expenses	<u>5,914,352</u>
Total	17,210,042

Source of funds

Special funds	125,000
Tobacco fund	252,863
Interdepartmental transfers	70,000
Enterprise funds	<u>16,762,179</u>
Total	17,210,042

Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

Personal services	4,669,174
Operating expenses	2,456,952
Grants	<u>15,000</u>

Total	7,141,126
Source of funds	
General fund	4,576,032
Special funds	<u>2,565,094</u>
Total	7,141,126
Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property	
Source of funds	
General fund	302,868,880
Special funds	123,157,988
Tobacco fund	687,523
Federal funds	252,448,869
Interdepartmental transfers	18,844,569
Enterprise funds	<u>16,776,865</u>
Total	714,784,694
Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office	
Personal services	18,803,543
Operating expenses	8,491,902
Grants	<u>3,257,864</u>
Total	30,553,309
Source of funds	
General fund	12,150,921

Special funds	135,517
Federal funds	15,052,120
Global Commitment fund	2,875,929
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>338,822</u>
Total	30,553,309

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

Grants	<u>2,273,186,435</u>
Total	2,273,186,435

Source of funds

General fund	743,900,289
Special funds	31,874,504
Tobacco fund	21,049,373
State health care resources fund	31,074,772
Federal funds	1,440,101,602
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>5,185,895</u>
Total	2,273,186,435

Sec. B.303 Developmental disabilities council

Personal services	536,809
Operating expenses	91,194
Grants	<u>191,595</u>
Total	819,598

Source of funds	
Federal funds	<u>819,598</u>
Total	819,598
Sec. B.304 Human services board	
Personal services	837,298
Operating expenses	<u>103,145</u>
Total	940,443
Source of funds	
General fund	550,413
Federal funds	<u>390,030</u>
Total	940,443
Sec. B.305 AHS - administrative fund	
Personal services	330,000
Operating expenses	<u>13,170,000</u>
Total	13,500,000
Source of funds	
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>13,500,000</u>
Total	13,500,000
Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration	
Personal services	147,234,611
Operating expenses	47,892,588

Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>
Total	198,239,500
Source of funds	
General fund	43,531,984
Special funds	11,408,238
Federal funds	135,473,624
Global Commitment fund	4,814,385
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,011,269</u>
Total	198,239,500

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

Grants	<u>1,018,891,468</u>
Total	1,018,891,468
Source of funds	
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,018,891,468</u>
Total	1,018,891,468

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

Grants	<u>87,719,396</u>
Total	87,719,396
Source of funds	

General fund	62,223,167
Special funds	20,025,000
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,229</u>
Total	87,719,396

Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver
matched

Grants	<u>53,713,422</u>
Total	53,713,422

Source of funds

General fund	13,976,890
Federal funds	<u>39,736,532</u>
Total	53,713,422

Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

Personal services	9,530,484
Operating expenses	9,699,306
Grants	<u>0</u>
Total	19,229,790

Source of funds

General fund	3,988,804
Special funds	1,584,462
Tobacco fund	70,101

Federal funds	9,440,311
Global Commitment fund	4,018,122
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>127,990</u>
Total	19,229,790
Sec. B.312 Health - public health	
Personal services	74,383,408
Operating expenses	9,332,917
Grants	<u>50,181,945</u>
Total	133,898,270
Source of funds	
General fund	16,942,106
Special funds	28,928,042
Tobacco fund	1,022,514
Federal funds	64,633,236
Global Commitment fund	19,796,403
Interdepartmental transfers	2,550,969
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>
Total	133,898,270
Sec. B.313 Health - substance use programs	
Personal services	6,228,331
Operating expenses	1,597,360

Grants	<u>62,950,881</u>
Total	70,776,572
Source of funds	
General fund	4,597,402
Special funds	11,594,473
Tobacco fund	949,917
Federal funds	16,490,182
Global Commitment fund	<u>37,144,598</u>
Total	70,776,572
Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health	
Personal services	15,045,226
Operating expenses	3,284,381
Grants	<u>284,925,309</u>
Total	303,254,916
Source of funds	
General fund	16,159,945
Special funds	1,006,836
Federal funds	13,679,245
Global Commitment fund	271,143,986
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,264,904</u>
Total	303,254,916

Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities

Personal services	42,645,892
Operating expenses	<u>3,453,114</u>
Total	46,099,006

Source of funds

General fund	23,627,954
Special funds	1,711,833
Global Commitment fund	<u>20,759,219</u>
Total	46,099,006

Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support
services

Personal services	53,504,671
Operating expenses	21,318,873
Grants	<u>5,311,047</u>
Total	80,134,591

Source of funds

General fund	54,056,305
Special funds	2,695,360
Federal funds	20,162,623
Global Commitment fund	2,593,300
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>627,003</u>

Total	80,134,591
Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services	
Personal services	53,086,776
Operating expenses	5,608,679
Grants	<u>101,038,145</u>
Total	159,733,600
Source of funds	
General fund	68,388,078
Special funds	729,150
Federal funds	37,280,968
Global Commitment fund	53,320,404
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>
Total	159,733,600
Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development	
Personal services	7,080,069
Operating expenses	1,017,973
Grants	<u>225,731,684</u>
Total	233,829,726
Source of funds	
General fund	71,876,506
Special funds	104,967,803

Federal funds	42,948,970
Global Commitment fund	<u>14,036,447</u>
Total	233,829,726

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

Personal services	14,842,317
Operating expenses	<u>3,753,380</u>
Total	18,595,697

Source of funds

General fund	5,841,149
Special funds	453,110
Federal funds	11,913,838
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>387,600</u>
Total	18,595,697

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

Personal services	2,611,765
Grants	<u>10,283,881</u>
Total	12,895,646

Source of funds

General fund	7,452,643
Global Commitment fund	<u>5,443,003</u>
Total	12,895,646

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

Personal services	15,000
Grants	<u>11,190,819</u>
Total	11,205,819

Source of funds

General fund	11,004,245
Federal funds	11,098
Global Commitment fund	<u>190,476</u>
Total	11,205,819

Sec. B.322 Department for children and families - 3SquaresVT

Grants	<u>53,077,812</u>
Total	53,077,812

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>53,077,812</u>
Total	53,077,812

Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

Operating expenses	23,821
Grants	<u>32,466,947</u>
Total	32,490,768

Source of funds

General fund	17,904,212
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Special funds	6,106,068
Federal funds	4,953,062
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,527,426</u>
Total	32,490,768

Sec. B.324 Department for children and families - home heating fuel
assistance/LIHEAP

Grants	<u>20,730,395</u>
Total	20,730,395

Source of funds

Special funds	1,480,395
Federal funds	<u>19,250,000</u>
Total	20,730,395

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

Personal services	1,872,257
Operating expenses	188,231
Grants	<u>55,272,640</u>
Total	57,333,128

Source of funds

General fund	48,486,907
Special funds	83,135

Federal funds	5,139,585
Global Commitment fund	<u>3,623,501</u>
Total	57,333,128

Sec. B.326 Department for children and families - OEO - weatherization
assistance

Personal services	473,291
Operating expenses	277,072
Grants	<u>16,147,885</u>
Total	16,898,248

Source of funds

Special funds	7,733,295
Federal funds	<u>9,164,953</u>
Total	16,898,248

Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential treatment

Personal services	258,100
Operating expenses	38,870
Grants	<u>4,476,862</u>
Total	4,773,832

Source of funds

General fund	4,743,832
Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>

Total	4,773,832
Sec. B.328 Department for children and families - disability determination services	
Personal services	8,771,035
Operating expenses	<u>632,678</u>
Total	9,403,713
Source of funds	
General fund	141,599
Federal funds	<u>9,262,114</u>
Total	9,403,713
Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration & support	
Personal services	53,613,657
Operating expenses	<u>7,899,745</u>
Total	61,513,402
Source of funds	
General fund	28,240,734
Special funds	2,601,056
Federal funds	29,054,031
Global Commitment fund	110,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,507,581</u>

Total 61,513,402

Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and independent living grants

Grants 27,332,274

Total 27,332,274

Source of funds

General fund 8,769,909

Federal funds 10,541,896

Global Commitment fund 8,020,469

Total 27,332,274

Sec. B.331 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - blind and visually impaired

Grants 3,557,604

Total 3,557,604

Source of funds

General fund 639,154

Special funds 223,450

Federal funds 2,390,000

Global Commitment fund 305,000

Total 3,557,604

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

Grants	<u>10,145,384</u>
Total	10,145,384

Source of funds

General fund	371,845
Federal funds	9,616,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>157,539</u>
Total	10,145,384

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

Grants	<u>361,412,468</u>
Total	361,412,468

Source of funds

General fund	132,732
Special funds	15,463
Federal funds	200,000
Global Commitment fund	360,997,607
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>66,666</u>
Total	361,412,468

Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and
community based waiver

Grants	<u>7,617,804</u>
Total	7,617,804

Source of funds

Global Commitment fund 7,617,804

Total 7,617,804

Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care

Grants 363,402,885

Total 363,402,885

Source of funds

General fund 498,579

Federal funds 2,450,000

Global Commitment fund 360,454,306

Total 363,402,885

Sec. B.335 Corrections - administration

Personal services 6,294,173

Operating expenses 269,950

Total 6,564,123

Source of funds

General fund 6,564,123

Total 6,564,123

Sec. B.336 Corrections - parole board

Personal services 546,911

Operating expenses 60,112

Total	607,023
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>607,023</u>
Total	607,023
Sec. B.337 Corrections - correctional education	
Personal services	4,229,246
Operating expenses	<u>255,064</u>
Total	4,484,310
Source of funds	
General fund	4,335,526
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>148,784</u>
Total	4,484,310
Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services	
Personal services	185,053,487
Operating expenses	28,640,294
Grants	<u>801,823</u>
Total	214,495,604
Source of funds	
General fund	205,731,635
Special funds	935,963
Federal funds	581,790

Global Commitment fund	6,849,901
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>
Total	214,495,604

Sec. B.338.1 Corrections - justice reinvestment II

Grants	<u>11,189,702</u>
Total	11,189,702

Source of funds

General fund	8,625,161
Global Commitment fund	<u>2,564,541</u>
Total	11,189,702

Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds

Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>
Total	4,130,378

Source of funds

General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>
Total	4,130,378

Sec. B.340 Corrections - correctional facilities - recreation

Personal services	694,135
Operating expenses	<u>457,555</u>
Total	1,151,690

Source of funds

Special funds	<u>1,151,690</u>
Total	1,151,690
Sec. B.341 Corrections - Vermont offender work program	
Personal services	515,893
Operating expenses	<u>160,570</u>
Total	676,463
Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>676,463</u>
Total	676,463
Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services	
Personal services	24,295,479
Operating expenses	<u>7,265,907</u>
Total	31,561,386
Source of funds	
General fund	10,370,653
Special funds	12,153,730
Federal funds	<u>9,037,003</u>
Total	31,561,386
Sec. B.343 Commission on women	
Personal services	446,911
Operating expenses	<u>93,377</u>

Total	540,288
Source of funds	
General fund	536,228
Special funds	<u>4,060</u>
Total	540,288
Sec. B.344 Retired senior volunteer program	
Grants	<u>169,909</u>
Total	169,909
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>169,909</u>
Total	169,909
Sec. B.345 Green mountain care board	
Personal services	10,791,488
Operating expenses	<u>585,144</u>
Total	11,376,632
Source of funds	
General fund	4,403,223
Special funds	<u>6,973,409</u>
Total	11,376,632
Sec. B.346 Office of the child, youth, and family advocate	
Personal services	407,107

Operating expenses 85,059

Total 492,166

Source of funds

General fund 492,166

Total 492,166

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds

General fund 1,516,164,329

Special funds 256,576,042

Tobacco fund 23,091,905

State health care resources fund 31,074,772

Federal funds 2,012,852,223

Global Commitment fund 2,214,599,524

Internal service funds 676,463

Interdepartmental transfers 29,286,337

Permanent trust funds 25,000

Total 6,084,346,595

Sec. B.400 Labor - programs

Personal services 37,245,562

Operating expenses 5,944,271

Grants 1,632,900

Total	44,822,733
Source of funds	
General fund	11,854,490
Special funds	10,685,153
Federal funds	22,188,227
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,863</u>
Total	44,822,733
Sec. B.401 Total labor	
Source of funds	
General fund	11,854,490
Special funds	10,685,153
Federal funds	22,188,227
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>94,863</u>
Total	44,822,733
Sec. B.500 Education - education services	
Personal services	34,311,091
Operating expenses	6,389,982
Grants	<u>188,531,318</u>
Total	229,232,391
Source of funds	
General fund	20,194,009

Special funds	2,111,117
Tobacco fund	750,388
Education fund	3,937,725
Federal funds	200,665,386
Global Commitment fund	260,000
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,313,766</u>
Total	229,232,391

Sec. B.502 Education - special education: formula grants

Personal services	1,083,000
Grants	<u>275,642,100</u>
Total	276,725,100

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>276,725,100</u>
Total	276,725,100

Sec. B.503 Education - state-placed students

Grants	<u>18,286,500</u>
Total	18,286,500

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>18,286,500</u>
Total	18,286,500

Sec. B.504 Education - adult education and literacy

Grants	<u>5,290,338</u>
Total	5,290,338

Source of funds

General fund	4,349,673
Federal funds	<u>940,665</u>
Total	5,290,338

Sec. B.504.1 Education - Flexible Pathways

Grants	<u>11,742,782</u>
Total	11,742,782

Source of funds

General fund	921,500
Education fund	<u>10,821,282</u>
Total	11,742,782

Sec. B.505 Education - adjusted education payment

Grants	<u>2,067,557,580</u>
Total	2,067,557,580

Source of funds

Education fund	<u>2,067,557,580</u>
Total	2,067,557,580

Sec. B.506 Education - transportation

Grants	<u>26,925,382</u>
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Total	26,925,382
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>26,925,382</u>
Total	26,925,382
Sec. B.507 Education - merger support grants	
Grants	<u>1,800,000</u>
Total	1,800,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>1,800,000</u>
Total	1,800,000
Sec. B.507.1 Education - EL categorical aid	
Grants	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total	2,500,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total	2,500,000
Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition	
Grants	<u>18,300,000</u>
Total	18,300,000
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>18,300,000</u>

Total	18,300,000
Sec. B.509 Education - afterschool grant program	
Personal services	484,293
Operating expenses	20,707
Grants	<u>9,595,000</u>
Total	10,100,000
Source of funds	
Special funds	<u>10,100,000</u>
Total	10,100,000
Sec. B.510 Education - essential early education grant	
Grants	<u>9,552,240</u>
Total	9,552,240
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>9,552,240</u>
Total	9,552,240
Sec. B.511 Education - technical education	
Grants	<u>19,636,750</u>
Total	19,636,750
Source of funds	
Education fund	<u>19,636,750</u>
Total	19,636,750

Sec. B.511.1 State board of education

Personal services	184,208
Operating expenses	<u>16,500</u>
Total	200,708

Source of funds

General fund	<u>200,708</u>
Total	200,708

Sec. B.513 Retired teachers pension plus funding

Grants	<u>15,000,000</u>
Total	15,000,000

Source of funds

General fund	<u>15,000,000</u>
Total	15,000,000

Sec. B.514 State teachers' retirement system

Grants	<u>212,905,084</u>
Total	212,905,084

Source of funds

General fund	170,750,066
Education fund	<u>42,155,018</u>
Total	212,905,084

Sec. B.514.1 State teachers' retirement system administration

Personal services	428,408
Operating expenses	<u>3,750,161</u>
Total	4,178,569

Source of funds

Pension trust funds	<u>4,178,569</u>
Total	4,178,569

Sec. B.515 Retired teachers' health care and medical benefits

Grants	<u>90,834,595</u>
Total	90,834,595

Source of funds

General fund	62,640,904
Education fund	<u>28,193,691</u>
Total	90,834,595

Sec. B.516 Total general education

Source of funds

General fund	274,056,860
Special funds	12,211,117
Tobacco fund	750,388
Education fund	2,526,391,268
Federal funds	201,606,051
Global Commitment fund	260,000

Interdepartmental transfers	1,313,766
Pension trust funds	<u>4,178,569</u>
Total	3,020,768,019
Sec. B.600 University of Vermont	
Grants	<u>59,099,447</u>
Total	59,099,447
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>59,099,447</u>
Total	59,099,447
Sec. B.602 Vermont state colleges	
Grants	<u>54,042,753</u>
Total	54,042,753
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>54,042,753</u>
Total	54,042,753
Sec. B.603 Vermont state colleges - allied health	
Grants	<u>1,806,000</u>
Total	1,806,000
Source of funds	
General fund	306,000
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>

Total	1,806,000
Sec. B.605 Vermont student assistance corporation	
Grants	<u>27,897,494</u>
Total	27,897,494
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>27,897,494</u>
Total	27,897,494
Sec. B.605.1 VSAC - flexible pathways stipend	
Grants	<u>82,450</u>
Total	82,450
Source of funds	
General fund	41,225
Education fund	<u>41,225</u>
Total	82,450
Sec. B.606 New England higher education compact	
Grants	<u>86,520</u>
Total	86,520
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>86,520</u>
Total	86,520
Sec. B.607 Total higher education	

Source of funds

General fund	141,473,439
Education fund	41,225
Global Commitment fund	<u>1,500,000</u>
Total	143,014,664

Sec. B.700 Natural resources - agency of natural resources - administration

Personal services	6,881,451
Operating expenses	1,291,376
Grants	<u>5,000</u>
Total	8,177,827

Source of funds

General fund	5,628,757
Special funds	687,843
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,861,227</u>
Total	8,177,827

Sec. B.701 Natural resources - state land local property tax assessment

Operating expenses	<u>2,711,643</u>
Total	2,711,643

Source of funds

General fund	2,290,143
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>421,500</u>

Total	2,711,643
Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services	
Personal services	25,124,512
Operating expenses	7,287,815
Grants	<u>824,803</u>
Total	33,237,130
Source of funds	
General fund	10,313,811
Special funds	379,405
Fish and wildlife fund	10,864,047
Federal funds	10,133,967
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,545,900</u>
Total	33,237,130
Sec. B.703 Forests, parks and recreation - administration	
Personal services	1,644,130
Operating expenses	<u>1,807,698</u>
Total	3,451,828
Source of funds	
General fund	3,207,811
Special funds	138,261
Federal funds	<u>105,756</u>

Total	3,451,828
Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry	
Personal services	10,669,963
Operating expenses	1,397,258
Grants	<u>2,517,648</u>
Total	14,584,869
Source of funds	
General fund	7,196,482
Special funds	1,553,980
Federal funds	5,657,787
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>176,620</u>
Total	14,584,869
Sec. B.705 Forests, parks and recreation - state parks	
Personal services	14,447,858
Operating expenses	4,775,590
Grants	<u>598,307</u>
Total	19,821,755
Source of funds	
General fund	1,774,736
Special funds	<u>18,047,019</u>
Total	19,821,755

Sec. B.706 Forests, parks and recreation - lands administration and recreation

Personal services	8,459,029
Operating expenses	4,627,930
Grants	<u>2,469,865</u>
Total	15,556,824
Source of funds	
General fund	1,403,261
Special funds	2,430,801
Federal funds	11,180,116
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>542,646</u>
Total	15,556,824

Sec. B.708 Forests, parks and recreation - forest and parks access roads

Personal services	130,000
Operating expenses	<u>99,925</u>
Total	229,925
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>229,925</u>
Total	229,925

Sec. B.709 Environmental conservation - management and support services

Personal services	10,017,955
Operating expenses	5,850,830

Grants	<u>191,597</u>
Total	16,060,382

Source of funds

General fund	2,207,896
Special funds	1,593,728
Federal funds	2,948,598
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>9,310,160</u>
Total	16,060,382

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

Personal services	15,391,418
Operating expenses	5,574,446
Grants	<u>7,623,000</u>
Total	28,588,864

Source of funds

General fund	1,476,577
Special funds	20,742,337
Federal funds	6,202,095
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>167,855</u>
Total	28,588,864

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

Personal services	43,817,953
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Operating expenses	9,017,743
Grants	<u>104,714,537</u>
Total	157,550,233
Source of funds	
General fund	13,321,778
Special funds	34,702,513
Federal funds	108,412,378
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,113,564</u>
Total	157,550,233
Sec. B.713 Land use review board	
Personal services	5,298,333
Operating expenses	<u>598,682</u>
Total	5,897,015
Source of funds	
General fund	4,364,343
Special funds	<u>1,532,672</u>
Total	5,897,015
Sec. B.714 Total natural resources	
Source of funds	
General fund	53,415,520
Special funds	81,808,559

Fish and wildlife fund	10,864,047
Federal funds	144,640,697
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,139,472</u>
Total	305,868,295

Sec. B.800 Commerce and community development - agency of commerce and
community development - administration

Personal services	2,617,789
Operating expenses	921,911
Grants	<u>424,320</u>
Total	3,964,020

Source of funds

General fund	<u>3,964,020</u>
Total	3,964,020

Sec. B.801 Economic development

Personal services	3,221,256
Operating expenses	1,306,125
Grants	<u>6,506,544</u>
Total	11,033,925

Source of funds

General fund	6,105,922
Special funds	3,314,565

Federal funds	<u>1,613,438</u>
Total	11,033,925
Sec. B.802 Housing and community development	
Personal services	6,568,853
Operating expenses	2,253,786
Grants	<u>45,303,523</u>
Total	54,126,162
Source of funds	
General fund	12,002,421
Transportation fund	1,000,000
Special funds	10,679,645
Federal funds	<u>30,444,096</u>
Total	54,126,162
Sec. B.806 Tourism and marketing	
Personal services	2,284,798
Operating expenses	1,785,851
Grants	<u>1,020,000</u>
Total	5,090,649
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>5,090,649</u>
Total	5,090,649

Sec. B.808 Vermont council on the arts

Grants 1,071,800

Total 1,071,800

Source of funds

General fund 1,071,800

Total 1,071,800

Sec. B.809 Vermont symphony orchestra

Grants 158,795

Total 158,795

Source of funds

General fund 158,795

Total 158,795

Sec. B.810 Vermont historical society

Grants 1,245,583

Total 1,245,583

Source of funds

General fund 1,245,583

Total 1,245,583

Sec. B.811 Vermont housing and conservation board

Grants 100,358,842

Total 100,358,842

Source of funds	
General fund	1,680,529
Special funds	39,341,857
Federal funds	<u>59,336,456</u>
Total	100,358,842
Sec. B.812 Vermont humanities council	
Grants	<u>327,818</u>
Total	327,818
Source of funds	
General fund	<u>327,818</u>
Total	327,818
Sec. B.813 Total commerce and community development	
Source of funds	
General fund	31,647,537
Transportation fund	1,000,000
Special funds	53,336,067
Federal funds	<u>91,393,990</u>
Total	177,377,594
Sec. B.900 Transportation - finance and administration	
Personal services	19,147,814
Operating expenses	6,291,478

Grants	<u>50,000</u>
Total	25,489,292
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	24,169,252
Federal funds	<u>1,320,040</u>
Total	25,489,292
Sec. B.901 Transportation - aviation	
Personal services	5,289,467
Operating expenses	<u>7,691,413</u>
Total	12,980,880
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	6,710,146
Federal funds	<u>6,270,734</u>
Total	12,980,880
Sec. B.902 Transportation - buildings	
Operating expenses	<u>1,700,000</u>
Total	1,700,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,700,000</u>
Total	1,700,000
Sec. B.903 Transportation - program development	

Personal services	109,305,403
Operating expenses	304,422,913
Grants	<u>51,321,428</u>
Total	465,049,744

Source of funds

Transportation fund	66,875,701
TIB fund	14,575,436
Special funds	280,000
Federal funds	363,035,876
Interdepartmental transfers	10,331,303
Local match	<u>9,951,428</u>
Total	465,049,744

Sec. B.904 Transportation - rest areas construction

Personal services	180,000
Operating expenses	<u>270,000</u>
Total	450,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	45,000
Federal funds	<u>405,000</u>
Total	450,000

Sec. B.905 Transportation - maintenance state system

Personal services	52,774,612
Operating expenses	<u>59,752,063</u>
Total	112,526,675
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	109,994,661
Federal funds	2,432,014
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>100,000</u>
Total	112,526,675
Sec. B.906 Transportation - policy and planning	
Personal services	3,368,645
Operating expenses	299,526
Grants	<u>10,254,679</u>
Total	13,922,850
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	2,378,766
Federal funds	11,444,134
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>99,950</u>
Total	13,922,850
Sec. B.906.1 Transportation - environmental policy and sustainability	
Personal services	14,855,456
Operating expenses	<u>89,082</u>

Total	14,944,538
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	371,589
Federal funds	11,025,693
Interdepartmental transfers	1,141,695
Local match	<u>2,405,561</u>
Total	14,944,538
Sec. B.907 Transportation - rail	
Personal services	8,671,804
Operating expenses	51,567,606
Grants	<u>50,000</u>
Total	60,289,410
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	12,548,774
TIB fund	1,000,000
Federal funds	34,688,907
Interdepartmental transfers	6,854,052
Local match	<u>5,197,677</u>
Total	60,289,410
Sec. B.907.1 Transportation - Rail Trails Program	
Personal services	3,577,763

Operating expenses	<u>57,266</u>
Total	3,635,029
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	478,272
Federal funds	1,769,326
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,387,431</u>
Total	3,635,029
Sec. B.908 Transportation - public transit	
Personal services	136,840
Operating expenses	71,582
Grants	<u>57,646,725</u>
Total	57,855,147
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	9,947,447
Federal funds	46,607,700
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,300,000</u>
Total	57,855,147
Sec. B.909 Transportation - central garage	
Personal services	6,345,376
Operating expenses	<u>19,725,126</u>
Total	26,070,502

Source of funds	
Internal service funds	<u>26,070,502</u>
Total	26,070,502
Sec. B.910 Department of motor vehicles	
Personal services	39,906,668
Operating expenses	<u>11,738,708</u>
Total	51,645,376
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	46,545,599
Federal funds	4,978,081
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>121,696</u>
Total	51,645,376
Sec. B.911 Transportation - town highway structures	
Grants	<u>7,394,400</u>
Total	7,394,400
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>7,394,400</u>
Total	7,394,400
Sec. B.912 Transportation - town highway local technical assistance program	
Personal services	439,752
Operating expenses	28,700

Grants	<u>13,000</u>
Total	481,452
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	121,452
Federal funds	<u>360,000</u>
Total	481,452
Sec. B.913 Transportation - town highway class 2 roadway	
Grants	<u>8,832,200</u>
Total	8,832,200
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>8,832,200</u>
Total	8,832,200
Sec. B.914 Transportation - town highway bridges	
Personal services	9,168,000
Operating expenses	19,830,382
Grants	<u>1,280,000</u>
Total	30,278,382
Source of funds	
TIB fund	2,774,564
Federal funds	25,604,186
Interdepartmental transfers	255,672

Local match	<u>1,643,960</u>
Total	30,278,382
Sec. B.915 Transportation - town highway aid program	
Grants	<u>31,240,042</u>
Total	31,240,042
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>31,240,042</u>
Total	31,240,042
Sec. B.916 Transportation - town highway class 1 supplemental grants	
Grants	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>128,750</u>
Total	128,750
Sec. B.917 Transportation - town highway: state aid for nonfederal disasters	
Grants	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Source of funds	
Transportation fund	<u>1,150,000</u>
Total	1,150,000
Sec. B.918 Transportation - town highway: state aid for federal disasters	

Personal services	500,000
Operating expenses	50,000
Grants	<u>3,450,000</u>
Total	4,000,000

Source of funds

Federal funds	<u>4,000,000</u>
Total	4,000,000

Sec. B.919 Transportation - municipal mitigation assistance program

Personal services	137,500
Operating expenses	310,500
Grants	<u>5,695,000</u>
Total	6,143,000

Source of funds

Transportation fund	715,000
Special funds	4,000,000
Federal funds	<u>1,428,000</u>
Total	6,143,000

Sec. B.921 Transportation board

Personal services	176,096
Operating expenses	<u>19,208</u>
Total	195,304

Source of funds

Transportation fund	<u>195,304</u>
Total	195,304

Sec. B.922 Total transportation

Source of funds

Transportation fund	331,542,355
TIB fund	18,350,000
Special funds	4,280,000
Federal funds	515,369,691
Internal service funds	26,070,502
Interdepartmental transfers	21,591,799
Local match	<u>19,198,626</u>
Total	936,402,973

Sec. B.1000 Debt service

Operating expenses	<u>675,000</u>
Total	675,000

Source of funds

General fund	<u>675,000</u>
Total	675,000

Sec. B.1001 Total debt service

Source of funds

General fund	<u>675,000</u>
Total	675,000

* * * Fiscal Year 2027 One-Time Appropriations * * *

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Agency of Administration Secretary's office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue for an additional year the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program.

(2) \$900,000 General Fund to complete the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

(b) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$300,000 General Fund and \$2,700,000 federal funds for information technology updates resulting from the 2025 federal H.R.1 Medicaid changes.

(2) \$1,210,000 General Fund for Provider Stabilization Grants.

(3) \$3,708,562 Global Commitment for enhanced rates to primary care providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.

(c) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$21,183,809 General Fund for the provision of services, implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum, shelter development and operation, emergency housing in hotels and motels, grants to municipalities, emergency cold weather shelters, and supportive services, including case management, staffing, grants, and contracts to be allocated as follows:

(A) \$14,118,880 for emergency housing in hotels and motels;

(B) \$2,064,929 for staffing, grants, and contracts;

(C) \$3,000,000 for shelter development;

(D) \$500,000 for grants to municipalities pursuant to 33 V.S.A.

§ 2209(a); and

(E) \$1,500,000 for emergency cold-weather shelters.

(2) \$164,500 General Fund and \$29,873 Global Commitment for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.

(3) \$180,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Parent Child Center Network for concrete supports programs.

(4) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to End Homelessness Vermont to continue providing statewide housing navigation, case management, service coordination, technical assistance, appeals, and permanent housing support for

individuals living with complex needs and disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

(5) \$130,000 General Fund for distribution to supervised visitation programs pursuant to Sec. E.317 of this act.

(6) \$4,000,000 General Fund for a temporary secure treatment facility for youth.

(7) \$550,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank's network partners through an equitable statewide distribution of food or subgrants, or both.

(8) \$293,866 Global Commitment for post permanency adoption services.

(d) Agency of Human Services Secretary's office. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for an immigration attorney.

(2) \$500,000 General Fund and \$692,464 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (k)(2) of this section to support Meals on Wheels programs.

(3) \$12,526 General Fund and \$17,347 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(2) of this section for a grant to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont for nurturing parenting programs.

(4) \$1,555,000 General Fund and \$2,153,562 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (b)(3) of this section for enhanced rates to primary care providers pursuant to Sec. E.306.3 of this act.

(5) \$123,218 General Fund and \$170,648 federal funds for the Global Commitment appropriation in subdivision (c)(8) of this section for post permanency adoption services.

(6) \$56,000 General Fund, \$44,000 federal funds, and \$100,000 Global Commitment for a grant to Vermont Legal Aid for the Vermont Legal Aid Helpline.

(e) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$200,000 General Fund for Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative grants.

(2) \$300,000 General Fund for the Serve Learn Earn Program.

(f) Department of Housing and Community Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$800,000 General Fund for the Manufactured Home Improvement and Repair Program.

(2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont State Housing Authority for the Rent Arrears Assistance Fund established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 47, Sec. 45.

(3) \$100,000 General Fund for the Vermont Housing Finance Agency First Generation Homebuyer Program.

(4) \$25,000 General Fund for a grant to the South Hero Service Committee to design and construct a building.

(5) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont 250th Anniversary Commission for the 250th celebration.

(6) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Council on Rural Development for municipal technical assistance.

(g) Department of Economic Development. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$150,000 General Fund for maintaining the current contract with the Canadian International Economic Development Partnership to provide in-market services to Montreal-based businesses seeking to expand into Vermont.

(2) \$75,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Professionals of Color Network.

(3) \$2,000,000 General Fund for the Rural Industry Development Program.

(4) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Law and Graduate School for its public education offerings and free legal support to small businesses through its Vermont Small Business Law Center.

(5) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Small Business Development Center to support the continuation of its work in helping Vermonters start, acquire, and grow businesses and to increase business advising and educational workshops to meet increasing demands of entrepreneurs and small business owners post pandemic.

(h) Agency of Transportation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$1,360,069 Transportation Fund for the FEMA 428 project relocating the Central Garage to Paine Turnpike in Berlin.

(2) \$1,347,107 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), for grants to municipalities that would have otherwise been eligible for federal aid if a presidential disaster declaration had been approved for damage incurred in Caledonia County during July 2025. Grants shall be provided on a reimbursement basis for actual costs incurred under the following conditions:

(A) Awards shall be for repairs made to infrastructure included in damage estimates conducted by the Agency of Transportation in March 2026 for the July 2025 disaster.

(B) Awards shall be for up to 50 percent of the repair costs estimated by the Agency of Transportation in March 2026.

(C) The repair conducted is compliant with all applicable Vermont statutes and regulations.

(D) The recipient agrees to maintain documentation as required by the Agency of Transportation.

(E) The recipient accepts other award terms and conditions as determined by the Agency of Transportation and required by Agency of Administration Bulletin 5 to ensure the funds are spent appropriately and effectively.

(3) \$300,000 General Fund for supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.

(4) \$3,000,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), to provide additional grants through the general State aid to town highways program pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306(a). The amount appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease any amounts appropriated pursuant to the provisions of 19 V.S.A. § 306(a) in fiscal year 2027.

(i) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$140,000 General Fund for the Vermont State Youth Council.

(2) \$150,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Language Justice Project to prepare informational materials for Vermonters who speak

languages other than English in the event of a disease outbreak, natural disaster, or other public health emergency.

(j) Department of Mental Health. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$160,000 General Fund for a grant to the Howard Center for the Community Outreach Program.

(k) Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$235,000 General Fund for a grant to HomeShare Vermont.

(2) \$1,192,464 Global Commitment to support Meals on Wheels programs.

(3) \$100,000 General Fund for a grant to support the start-up costs of a new adult day program in Washington or Rutland county or to support the cost of an existing adult day program to expand its capacity to serve more individuals.

(l) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$350,000 General Fund for a grant to the Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont for the Crop Cash, Crop Cash Plus, and Farm Share programs.

(2) \$300,000 General Fund for grants to Vermont's 14 Natural Resource Conservation Districts.

(3) \$250,000 General Fund for a grant to the Vermont Foodbank for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program.

(m) Office of the Secretary of State. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$90,000 General Fund for the Vermont Access Network Community Radio Program.

(2) \$450,000 General Fund to support the costs of elections in calendar year 2026.

(3) \$50,000 General Fund for awards to support local civic journalism.

(n) Department of Labor. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$200,000 General Fund for a grant to Advance Vermont.

(o) Agency of Education. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$157,000 General Fund to provide healthy meals and snacks to children and adults receiving supervised care services.

(2) \$150,000 General Fund for automated external defibrillators and cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools.

(3) \$700,000 General Fund for the Read Vermont Program.

(p) [Deleted.]

(q) Vermont Student Assistance Corporation. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$2,320,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), for Freedom and Unity grants.

(r) Office of the State Treasurer. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$150,000 General Fund for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

(2) \$75,000 General Fund for costs associated with the Pension and Benefits Funding Task Force.

(s) General Assembly. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$15,000 General Fund to support the work of the County and Regional Governance Study Committee.

(t) Vermont State Colleges. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$600,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal

for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), for the development of the new 30-unit, three-story housing complex on the Johnson Campus.

(u) [Deleted.]

(v) [Deleted.]

(w) [Deleted.]

(x) University of Vermont. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1)(A) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 2885, \$2,000,000 Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund, which shall be considered a reduction to the principal for the purposes of the calculations in 16 V.S.A. § 2885(c) and (d), and \$10,000,000 General Fund for the Multi-Purpose Center Project approved by the Board of Trustees in 2019.

(B) Any contract awarded for construction that is paid for with this spending authority shall adhere to the higher of:

(i) the prevailing wage requirements established in 29 V.S.A. § 161(b); or

(ii) the prevailing local wage requirements as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Davis-Bacon Act or related federal acts or regulations.

(C) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this appropriation be a contribution to the remaining fundraising effort, estimated to be a total of \$101,000,000, for the project. If the University of Vermont has not received new donations for the project totaling \$89,000,000 or more between July 1, 2026, and July 1, 2029, it is the intent of the General Assembly that future appropriations beginning in fiscal year 2030 be reduced over a reasonable number of fiscal years to recoup an amount equal to this appropriation and any interest accrued without causing undue financial harm to the institution.

(D)(i) In fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029, as part of its budget presentation and as requested, to the extent that the fundraising effort for the project is ongoing, the University of Vermont shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on the status of the fundraising effort.

(ii) In fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029, to the extent that the fundraising effort for the project is ongoing, the University of Vermont shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting and as requested on the status of the fundraising effort.

(y) Department of Corrections. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$50,000 General Fund for a grant to Jenna's Promise to support reentry services.

(z) Center for Crime Victim Services. In fiscal year 2027, funds are appropriated for the following:

(1) \$350,000 Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund for grants to the member organizations of the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

Sec. B.1101 FISCAL YEAR 2026 CLOSEOUT; FISCAL YEAR 2027

CONTINGENT TRANSACTIONS

(a) As part of the fiscal year 2026 closeout, the Department of Finance and Management shall execute the requirements of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103(a)(1)(D), as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55 and further amended by Sec. C.102 of this act; 32 V.S.A. § 308; and 32 V.S.A. § 308f. 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 reserve that money for such purpose in fiscal year 2027.

Any residual balance shall be reserved in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

(b) In fiscal year 2027, any contingent reserve established per subsection (a) of this section shall be unreserved and the following transactions shall be executed in the following order. In the event that the contingent reserve is insufficient to fully fund the following transactions, the Department of Finance

and Management shall execute the transactions to the greatest extent possible,
including partial funding:

(1) \$9,547,596.39 is transferred to the Technology Modernization
Special Fund (#21951).

(2) \$30,000,000 is reserved for future appropriation or transfer by the
General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls, Vermont Medicaid
and other human services needs, property tax relief, permanent housing
initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public.

Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL

INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME CAPITAL
APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,454.70 is appropriated from the Capital
Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential

Investments for the following:

(1) Department of Buildings and General Services:

(A) \$1,781,174.60 for statewide major maintenance;

(B) \$225,000 for statewide physical security enhancements;

(C) \$3,600,000 for Asa Bloomer roof replacement;

(D) \$900,000 for Rutland multimodal garage renovation;

(E) \$3,000,000 for Burlington, 32 Cherry St. parking garage repairs;

(F) \$1,050,000 for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC upgrades at correctional facilities;

(G) \$225,000 for the Agency of Human Services for statewide correctional facilities security upgrades;

(H) \$2,700,000 for the Agency of Human Services for St. Johnsbury, Northeast Correctional Complex (NECC) door control system replacements;

(I) \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;

(J) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades;

(K) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for maintenance, replacement, and renovations at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility or other correctional facilities utilized in response to overcrowding for the incarcerated women's population;

(L) \$772,557.10 for the Agency of Human Services for the Department for Children and Families' youth short-term stabilization facility;

(M) \$500,000 for the Department of Public Safety for an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) facility; and

(N) \$1,600,000 for the Judiciary for renovations at the White River Junction courthouse.

(2) Department of Environmental Conservation:

- (A) \$2,498,000 for the State match for federal Drinking Water State Revolving Fund; and
- (B) \$150,000 for Waterbury Dam Penstock project cost overruns.
- (3) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:
- (A) \$400,000 for park infrastructure and rehabilitation, improvement, and three-acre rule compliance.
- (4) Department of Fish and Wildlife:
- (A) \$200,000 for dam maintenance and safety planning.
- (5) Judiciary:
- (A) \$500,000 for the Essex County Courthouse connector project.
- (6) Vermont Historical Society:
- (A) \$566,724 for the replacement of a climate control unit.
- (7) Department of Corrections:
- (A) \$750,000 to work with the Agency of Digital Services to develop a plan for providing network connectivity in State correctional facilities that modernizes processes and reduces reliance on paper; improves staff efficiency and addresses workforce challenges, such as staff retention; supports real-time data-driven operations; lays the foundation for future capabilities, such as wearable technology and mobile device-supported operations; and ensures secure, compliance connectivity in key facilities, each as outlined in the

Business Transformation Project Recommendations Report issued by the Agency.

Sec. B.1104 MEDICAID AND SNAP BENEFIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

(a) Notwithstanding 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(3), in fiscal year 2027, \$3,500,000 of the amount reserved in the General Fund pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(3) shall be unreserved and an equal amount shall be appropriated to the Agency of Human Services for a grant program for benefit assistance services provided by community-based organizations throughout the State, including by the parent child centers, community action agencies, recovery centers, Vermont 211, area agencies on aging, and designated and specialized service agencies. In developing this grant program, the Agency shall collaborate with Hunger Free Vermont and the Office of the Health Care Advocate on program design and the selection of the community-based organizations receiving grants. The Agency shall provide an update on program design and grant recipient selection at the Joint Fiscal Committee's July 2026 meeting. The Agency shall distribute grants on or before September 1, 2026.

(b)(1) Funds appropriated in this section shall be used to issue new or augment existing or planned grants to organizations to assist clients with navigating Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid eligibility, application processes, and benefit maintenance, respectively,

through the use of benefit assisters. The Agency shall ensure that benefit assisters at the grant recipient organizations are providing accurate information. Vermont 211 shall conduct outreach to all organizations receiving a grant pursuant to this section to ensure that appropriate referrals are made and information about benefit assistance services is available to the public.

(2) The Agency shall work with organizations receiving a grant pursuant to this section to develop communications and outreach strategies to proactively connect with households. Such strategies shall include plain language mailings, phone and text message scripts, email scripts, and press release communications. The Agency shall work with organizations receiving a grant pursuant to this section to reduce the administrative burden on applicants and participants by sharing information when permissible to verify SNAP and Medicaid requirements.

(3) Beginning in September 2026 through June 2027, the organizations receiving a grant pursuant to this section shall submit quarterly reports to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Agency regarding:

(A) the number of organization employees trained as benefit assisters to assist with navigating SNAP or Medicaid requirements, respectively;

(B) the total number of eligible individuals who received assistance from benefit assisters each quarter, including those receiving repeat application assistance, repeat benefit maintenance assistance, and enrollment assistance;

(C) the number of individuals referred to other service providers or enrolled in other State or federal benefit programs as a result of an interaction with a benefit assister; and

(D) qualitative information regarding how outreach is conducted to inform individuals that benefit assistance services are available.

(4) Beginning in September 2026 through June 2027, Vermont 211 shall submit quarterly reports to the House Committees on Health Care and on Human Services and to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare regarding its outreach efforts and the number of referrals made to the organizations receiving a grant pursuant to this section.

(c) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally designated.

* * * Fiscal Year 2026 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments * * *

Sec. C.100 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 83(e) is amended to read:

(e) If funds previously appropriated to the Agency of Human Services are insufficient to provide the State match needed to make the payment adjustment in subsection (a) of this section, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308b, the

Commissioner of Finance and Management shall unreserve an amount of funds equal to the deficiency from the Human Services Caseload Reserve and, ~~notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, transfer~~ an amount of funds equal to the deficiency shall be appropriated to the Agency of Human Services.

Sec. C.101 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.325(b), as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 81, is further amended to read:

(b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$1,322,141 ~~General Fund~~ shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity for distribution to community partners providing services to prevent and address homelessness ~~for the purpose of restoring these community partners to their fiscal year 2025 appropriation level.~~ The \$1,322,141 shall be allocated as follows:

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Sec. C.102 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 55, is further amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:

(1) General Fund.

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(D) The first ~~\$74,908,097~~ \$78,037,622 of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.

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Sec. C.103 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 32 is amended to read:

Sec. 32. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; TRANSFORMATION

APPROPRIATION; TRANSITION GRANTS

(a) The sum of ~~\$2,865,000.00~~ \$3,647,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work as follows:

(1) ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$982,000.00 for the purpose of awarding transition grants to support school boards transitioning the work required to transition to new governance and administrative models as contemplated in this act pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and in light of the continued analysis of the work necessary in the field to transition to new, operational school districts;

(2) \$562,500.00 for positions established in Sec. 33 of this act; and

(3) \$2,102,500.00 for contracted services, subject to the restrictions contained in subsection (c) of this section, to support facilitate school districts boards to study the advisability of forming union school districts, as well as to support districts with administrative activities relating to consolidation, including accounting, budget and operational practice, and to support education quality activities including the alignment of curricula, instructional materials, and teaching activities.

(b) The Agency shall use the funds appropriated in subdivision (a)(1) of this section to award transition facilitation grants to support the work required to transition to new governance and administrative models.

(c) The appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(3) of this section shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(1) While this appropriation may be used to contract for data analysis necessary to support school districts with the administrative activities related to consolidation, it shall also be used for developing data analysis tools to support merger committees in consultation with the Department of Taxes.

(2) This appropriation shall be used to provide direct support to school boards for the business processes that are required to be completed before new school districts become operational. Support and training for school business officials and other school district personnel shall be funded solely through the

appropriation contained in subdivision (a)(1) of this section and the corresponding grants created in subsection (b) of this section.

(3) This appropriation may be used to support the special education strategic plan required pursuant to Sec. 30 of this act. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the strategic plan addresses the supports and processes needed to be in place for the transition to the weighted funding model for special education as such funding model is contemplated in this act and as may be further amended by an act of the General Assembly after consideration of the report required pursuant to Sec. 45a of this act. Any work or analysis done by the Agency regarding alternatives to the base amount or weights contained in this act shall not be funded from this appropriation.

Sec. C.104 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.127.2 is amended to read:

Sec. E.127.2 FEDERAL FUNDING; CALCULATION OF
APPROPRIATION REDUCTION; SECRETARY OF
ADMINISTRATION; JOINT FISCAL COMMITTEE

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Unduplicated function total” means the individual function totals set forth in this act excluding Global Commitment funds, Interdepartmental Transfer funds, and Internal Service funds. For purposes of this section, the determination of an unduplicated function total shall not include Education Funds.

(2) “Governmental function unit” refers to the governmental function areas set forth in Sec. A.108 of this act.

(b) In fiscal years 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, in each instance that a reduction in federal revenues to the State results in a decrease of the unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit by:

(1) Less than 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total or \$2,000,000, whichever threshold amount is greater, the Secretary of Administration shall notify the Joint Fiscal Committee and may prepare and implement a spending authority 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 reduction in the federal revenues. If the Secretary’s plan consists of reductions greater than five percent to the total amount appropriated in any section or subsection of any appropriations act, such plan shall only be implemented in the manner provided for in 32 V.S.A. § 704(b)(2).

(2) Greater than \$2,000,000 and 0.5 percent of the unduplicated function total for any governmental function unit, but less than 25 percent or \$50,000,000, whichever threshold amount is lower:

(A) the Secretary of Administration shall prepare a spending authority reduction and transfer plan for consideration and approval by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to the same process established in 32 V.S.A.

§ 704(e), notwithstanding the reference to subdivision (b)(1) of this section, provided that the total reductions to federal spending authority are not greater than the reductions in federal revenues; and

(B) to maintain a balanced State budget, to minimize the impact to Vermonters and to abide by the legislative intent set forth by the General Assembly in this act or future fiscal year appropriations acts, or both, the Joint Fiscal Committee may make a recommendation to the Emergency Board to:

(i) utilize the appropriation in Sec. B.1101(b)(2) of this act to support impacted programs at not more than the current fiscal year funding level until the General Assembly is in session;

(ii) revert any unexpended and unobligated funds; and

(iii) make such reductions or transfers in appropriations necessary to support the priorities of the General Assembly.

(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 general appropriations act for the fiscal year in which the reduction occurs. 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 function totals for each governmental function unit.

Sec. C.105 3 V.S.A. § 118 is amended to read:

§ 118. COLLECTION AND DISPOSITION OF REVENUE

(a) There is hereby created a Secretary of State Services Fund. The Fund shall be used to provide appropriations for the operations of the Office of the Secretary of State, with the exception of those operations provided for in chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title. The Fund shall be administered as a special fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. ~~At the end of each fiscal year, the unobligated balance in this Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.~~

(b) All revenues collected by the Secretary of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Services Fund except for the following revenues:

(1) any revenues collected by the Office of Professional Regulation set forth in chapter 5, subchapter 3 of this title; and

(2) any revenues collected pursuant to subsection 117(k) of this title.

(c) The Secretary of State shall have the authority to collect and deposit into the Secretary of State Services Fund revenues generated from optional services offered in the normal course of business, including for one-time or periodic sales of data by subscription or other contractual basis.

(d) The Secretary of State or designee shall report annually to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its September meeting on the prior fiscal year Fund balance at closeout. The report shall include projected revenues to and expenditures from the Fund in future fiscal years.

Sec. C.106 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 79 is amended to read:

Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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(d) A housing authority shall notify the Department for Children and Families of its intent to request funds and submit a report on its financial need, including evidence that the request conforms to applicable HUD requirements and is a necessary and proper expense, to the Department ~~on or before April 15, 2026~~ within 10 business days after receiving official notice from HUD of its federal fiscal year 2026 funding amount.

(e) ~~On or before May 1, 2026~~ Not more than 20 business days after official notice from HUD of federal fiscal year 2026 funding amounts for housing authorities in Vermont, the Department for Children and Families, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, shall:

(1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to issuing funds; and

(2) establish guidelines to ensure that funds are distributed based upon need.

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Sec. C.107 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1102(c) is amended to read:

(c) In fiscal year 2024, the amount of \$50,000,000 General Fund is appropriated to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB):

(1) \$10,000,000 to provide support and enhance capacity for emergency shelter and permanent homes for those experiencing homelessness or who need supportive housing. The funds shall be used to expand Vermont's shelter capacity, provide homes for those experiencing homelessness, create housing for individuals eligible to receive Medicaid-funded developmental disabilities services, and decrease reliance on the General Assistance Emergency Housing hotel and motel program. The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall consult with the Agency of Human Services to ensure new investments in homes and shelters are paired with appropriate support services for residents, including services supported through Medicaid. Funded projects may utilize a range of housing options, including the expansion of shelter capacity, the conversion of hotels to housing, the creation of permanent supportive housing, and the utilization of manufactured homes on infill sites.

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Sec. C.108 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. C.110, as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. C.105, is further amended to read:

Sec. C.110 EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;

REVERSION AND REALLOCATION

(a) The Secretary of Administration may reimburse up to \$14,300,000 of prior fiscal year federal funds expended through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, as approved by the Joint Fiscal Committee pursuant to Grant Request #3034 with new General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments appropriations transferred from existing State programs that meet the eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Treasury. These programs shall receive an amount of spending authority from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program 2 Fund equal to the amount of General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments appropriation transferred.

(b) To the extent that qualifying General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments expenditures already incurred are transferred onto the spending authority established in subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A.

§ 706, transfer an equivalent amount of General Fund or Other Infrastructure, Essential Investments, and Reserves Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments spending authority to support programs established through Grant Request #3034 and subsequent Emergency Rental Assistance Program grant approvals by the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. C.109 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100, as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 51, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

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(4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution. The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in fiscal year 2026. Any remaining funds may be used, if necessary, to ensure that the Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution for the Vermont

State Employees' Retirement System is 100 percent funded in fiscal year 2026.

The appropriation made in Sec. B.104.1 of this act pursuant to 3 V.S.A.

§ 473(c)(8) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether

fiscal year 2026 appropriations are sufficient to ensure that the Actuarially

Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100 percent in

fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully

expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

Sec. C.110 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. SCHOOL DISTRICT REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE; REPORT

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(i) Appropriations.

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(2) The sum of ~~\$100,000.00~~ \$28,310.70 is appropriated to the Agency of Digital Services from the General Fund in fiscal year 2026 to cover costs associated with supporting the Task Force, or, if necessary, for the purposes of hiring one or more consultants to provide support to the Task Force.

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Sec. C.111 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338, as amended by 2026

Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 41, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services

Personal services	184,910,113	184,260,113
Operating expenses	26,227,109	26,227,109
Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
Total	211,939,045	211,289,045
Source of funds		
General fund	203,987,089	203,337,089
Special funds	990,963	990,963
Federal funds	516,600	516,600
Global Commitment fund	6,048,078	6,048,078
Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
Total	211,939,045	211,289,045

Sec. C.112 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.347, as amended by 2026

Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 44, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.347 Total human services

Source of funds		
General fund	1,461,126,849	1,460,476,849
Special funds	232,655,939	232,655,939
Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
Federal funds	1,993,089,108	1,993,089,108
Global Commitment fund	2,213,122,801	2,213,122,801

Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Total	5,987,280,620	5,986,630,620

Sec. C.113 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. B.1100, as amended by
2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.115 and 2024 Acts and Resolves No.
87, Sec. 49, is further amended to read:

Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

APPROPRIATIONS

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(b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department
of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are subject to the
following conditions:

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(3)(A) \$2,490,000 shall be immediately available to the Department of
Public Safety for a grant to create and implement the Regional
Communications System Upgrade Project to enable the Capital Fire simulcast
dispatch cell as shown in the *Vermont Public Safety Communications System
Design Concept and Recommendations* report of January 2026.

(B) The grant shall only be issued to the Central Vermont Regional
Planning Commission and as the fiscal agent for the Capital Fire simulcast

dispatch cell if, in the determination of the Department of Public Safety and the Public Safety Communications Task Force, the pilot project shall position the State positively for implementing a statewide simulcast emergency communications system and shall allow the State to prove that the desired vision is not only possible but also practical and serves to gain stakeholder buy-in when implementing change on a larger scale. The pilot project shall enable the standards authority to make iterative improvements and adjust option parameters based on lessons learned during the pilot project, increasing the odds for long-term success.

(C) To obtain the grant funding described in this subdivision (3), the Planning Commission shall first submit a pilot project proposal on or before October 2, 2026, that includes, to the satisfaction of the Department and Task Force:

(i) full designs and engineering plans for an initial construction date in 2027;

(ii) detailed descriptions of project phases, goals, and benchmarks, and how these are met;

(iii) detailed descriptions of project budgeting, including mechanisms for tracking of expenses, record maintenance, and auditing of project finances, a cost quote from a qualified contractor as part of the budget,

and a showing of how the cost-sharing requirement described in subdivision (D) of this subdivision (3) will be met; and

(iv) an explanation of how the pilot project aligns with and furthers the development of a statewide public safety communications system as reported by the Public Safety Communications Task Force, as established by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. C.114.

(D) To obtain the grant funding described in this subdivision (3), the Planning Commission shall first agree that it will be responsible for 30 percent of the project costs and provide proper documentation that it is able to finance its share of project costs, in its entirety, prior to commencing any phase of the project or expending any grant funds awarded by the Department.

(E) \$50,000 shall be immediately available to the Department of Public Safety to hire a technical consultant to evaluate the pilot project proposal requirements described in subdivision (C) of this subdivision (3).

(F) If the Planning Commission satisfies the conditions of subdivisions (B)–(E) of this subdivision (3), the Department shall issue the grant to the Planning Commission on or before November 2, 2026.

(G) The Department shall report on or before January 31, 2027, and again on or before January 31, 2028, to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations and Military Affairs and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations with

details pertaining to the progress of the project, including grant funds dispensed, and detailed descriptions of project phases, goals, and benchmarks, and how these have or have not been met.

(H) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this Regional Communications System Upgrade Project be a pilot project that shall enable the State to determine an effective and efficient manner in which to implement similar projects in other regions of the State, with the ultimate goal of building a statewide public safety communications system.

(4) Any remaining amounts not obligated pursuant to subdivisions (1) ~~and~~, (2), and (3) of this subsection shall remain unobligated and unexpended until approval to expend the funds is authorized by further enactment of the General Assembly.

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Sec. C.114 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 13, as amended by 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.8, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 2, and 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.136.1, is further amended to read:

Sec. 13. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FUNDING SOURCE

SURCHARGE; REPEAL

(a) Surcharge.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services

Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, a surcharge of up to ~~2.3 percent~~, but no greater than the cost of the activities of the State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act, on the per-position portion of the charges authorized in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed entities solely with State funds.

(2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of funding the activities of the State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act.

(b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~July 1, 2025~~ July 1, 2027. Sec. C.115 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101(b), as amended by 2026 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. 53, is further amended to read:

(b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

(1) To the General Fund (#10000) from the:

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(C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):
~~\$8,994,314~~ \$16,144,149.

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* * * Fiscal Year 2026 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations * * *

Sec. D.100 PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX ALLOCATIONS

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

(1) The sum of \$608,137 is allocated from the Current Use Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c), amounts in excess of \$608,137 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$37,653,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

(A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the affordable housing bond (10 V.S.A. § 314) shall be offset by the reduction of \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2027 appropriation of \$37,653,750 to the Vermont Housing and

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

(3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of \$10,179,975 from the property transfer tax deposited into the Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the \$10,179,975 shall be allocated as follows:

(A) \$7,838,580 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

(B) \$1,323,397 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

(C) \$1,017,998 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

(1) From the General Fund (#10000) to the:

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

\$73,797,962.

(B) Capital Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital
and Essential Investments (#21952): \$17,016,160.

(C) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

\$4,650,000.

(D) Education Fund (#20205): \$100,908,097.

(E) Vermont State Police Radio Equipment and Firearm Replacement
Special Fund: \$500,000.

(F) Domestic and Sexual Violence Special Fund (#21926):

\$350,000.

(2) From the Transportation Fund (#20105) to the:

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

\$294,775.

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

(3) From the Education Fund (#20205) to the:

(A) Tax Computer System Modernization Fund (#21909):

\$1,550,000.

(4) From the Clean Water Fund (#21932) to the:

(A) Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (#21933): \$11,897,381.

(B) Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (#21938):

\$120,000.

(5) From the Agency of Human Services Central Office Earned Federal Receipts (#22005) to the:

(A) General Fund (#10000): \$5,000,000.

(6) From the AG-Fees and Reimbursement-Court Order Special Fund (#21638) to the:

(A) General Fund (#10000): \$2,000,000.

(B) Miscellaneous Fines & Penalties Fund (#21054): \$1,538,600.

(7) From the Insurance Reserve Fund (#21335) to the:

(A) Transportation Fund (#20105): \$1,360,069, notwithstanding

32 V.S.A. § 135.

(8) From the State PACE Reserve Fund (#21943) to the:

(A) General Fund (#10000): \$60,806.73, notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 3270.

(9) From the Technology Modernization Special Fund (#21951) to the:

(A) General Fund (#10000): \$9,547,596.39, notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 3306.

(b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year 2027 budget and do not supersede the actual fiscal year-end transfer amounts.

(1) To the General Fund (#10000) from the:

(A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund
(#21075): \$42,837,511.

(B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund
(#21085): \$23,762,455.

(C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100):
\$10,464,702.

(2) 8 V.S.A. § 6017(b). To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and
Supervision Fund (#21085) from the:

(A) General Fund (#10000): \$143,318.

(c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund
(#10000), shall not exceed the actual fiscal year-end profits earned by the
enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit. The
following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
2027 budget only.

(1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): \$6,700,000.

(2) From the Liquor Control Fund (#50300): \$20,871,297.

Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
2027, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
accounts indicated:

<u>1100892208</u>	<u>AOA-VT Housing Finance Agency</u>	<u>1,000,000.00</u>
<u>1100892310</u>	<u>AOA-FEMA COVID Match</u>	<u>890,937.34</u>
<u>1100892402</u>	<u>AOA-High-Risk FEMA Denial Resv</u>	<u>5,184,452.41</u>
<u>1100892401</u>	<u>AOA-ORE-Language Access Plan</u>	<u>150,000.00</u>
<u>2200892301</u>	<u>AAFM-Ecosystems Services</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
<u>2200892307</u>	<u>AAFM-Conservation Districts</u>	<u>16,513.42</u>
<u>2200892408</u>	<u>AAFM-Dairy Risk Mgmt</u>	<u>35,496.73</u>
<u>2240892204</u>	<u>PSD-Affordable Comm Scale Ren</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>
<u>2240892404</u>	<u>PSD-SHARE</u>	<u>195,000.00</u>
<u>3150892302</u>	<u>DMH-Howard Center</u>	<u>790.68</u>
<u>3400892204</u>	<u>AHSCO-Workforce Retention</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>
<u>3400892304</u>	<u>AHS-Nurse Preceptor Grants</u>	<u>189,984.00</u>
<u>3410892502</u>	<u>DVHA-Technical Analysis</u>	<u>21,601.25</u>
<u>3440891905</u>	<u>Child Dev Assoc Credential</u>	<u>29,752.09</u>
<u>3440892401</u>	<u>DCF-Reach Ahead 2 Year Pilot</u>	<u>498.63</u>
<u>3480892501</u>	<u>DOC-Data Contract</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>
<u>5100892308</u>	<u>AOE-Universal Income Dec.</u>	<u>99,990.00</u>
<u>6140892402</u>	<u>DEC-Emissions Repair Program</u>	<u>362,416.60</u>
<u>7110892406</u>	<u>HCD-Mobile Home Condemnation</u>	<u>831,043.50</u>
<u>7110892106</u>	<u>HCD - Tech Serv Local Gov</u>	<u>1,056.73</u>
<u>7110892306</u>	<u>HCD-Designated Area Report</u>	<u>5,342.36</u>

(C) Office of the Secretary of State:

(i) one RIM Specialist; and

(ii) one Business Services Administrator.

(2) Permanent exempt positions:

(A) Vermont Labor Relations Board:

(i) one Mediator.

(b) The establishment of one limited service exempt Staff Attorney position is authorized at the State Ethics Commission in fiscal year 2027.

(c) The conversion of four limited service positions to permanent classified status is authorized in fiscal year 2027 as follows:

(1) Office of the Attorney General:

(A) one Assistant Director of Court Diversion and Pretrial Services;

and

(B) one Home Improvement Specialist.

(2) Office of the Secretary of State:

(A) one Administrative Services Coordinator IV.

(3) Department of Public Service:

(A) one Financial Director IV.

(d) The conversion of 26 limited service positions to permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2027 as follows:

(1) Judiciary:

(A) one Database Administrator;

(B) two IT Help Desk Analysts;

(C) two Centralized Service Analysts;

(D) 10 Judicial Assistants; and

(E) 11 Judicial Officer II's.

Sec. E.100.1 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100.3 is amended to read:

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

(a) In fiscal ~~year~~ years 2026 and 2027, 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.

(1) Reports shall include information on:

(A) the original amounts appropriated;

(B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and

(C) any remaining spending authority.

(b) In fiscal ~~year~~ years 2026, 2027, and 2028, 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 spending authority established pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

(1) Reports shall include information on:

- (A) the original amounts appropriated;
- (B) outstanding obligations against appropriations; and
- (C) any remaining spending authority.

(c) Any spending authority established pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106(a) ~~and (e)~~ 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.

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Sec. E.100.2 SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATION; REPORT ON
STATUS OF FEDERAL FUNDS

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July, September, and November 2026 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.

Sec. E.100.3 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 9, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RACIAL EQUITY; RACIAL
EQUITY ADVISORY PANEL; FUNDING SOURCE;
SURCHARGE; REPEAL

(a) Surcharge.

(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2019, a surcharge of up to 1.65 percent, and in fiscal year 2020 and thereafter, a surcharge of up to 3.3 percent, but not greater than the cost of both the Racial Equity Advisory Panel and the ~~position of Executive Director~~ activities of the Office of Racial Equity set forth in Sec. 3 of this act, on the ~~per position~~ per-position portion of the charges authorized in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive Branch agencies, departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed entities solely with State funds.

(2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of funding the Racial Equity Advisory Panel and the position of the Executive Director of Racial Equity set forth in Sec. 3 of this act.

(b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~June 30, 2024~~ July 1, 2027.

Sec. E.105.1 AGENCY OF DIGITAL SERVICES; INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY INTERNAL SERVICE FUND; DEFICIT

MITIGATION PLAN

(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Digital Services shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a

written plan to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions on how to reduce the fund deficit in the Information Technology Internal Service Fund established by 3 V.S.A. § 3304, including any recommended changes to Fund sources, uses, and transfers. The report shall include information on revenues to and expenditures from the Fund and the Fund's balance at the fiscal year closeout for the previous 10 fiscal years. The report shall also include the most current available information Fund sources, uses, transfers, and the estimated Fund balance at the fiscal year 2027 closeout.

(b) On or before February 15, 2027, the Agency of Digital Services shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions on the approach and assumptions used for estimating sources and uses for the Core Enterprise Services Fund (#58100), Enterprise Offerings Fund (#58110), Professional Services Fund (#58120), and Customized Services Fund (#58130) for the purposes of building the fiscal year 2027 budget. The report shall include information on the Agency's adaptation to and compliance with new procedures on the part of various State agencies and departments and any managerial or organizational advantages to the fiscal year 2027 budgeting approach.

(c) On or before February 15, 2027, the Department of Finance and Management shall provide a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Institutions on the establishment and consistent use of the State's Chart of Accounts to uniformly track expenditures associated with major IT projects by agency and department. It is the intent of the General Assembly that project-level tracking include contracts with IT implementation vendors, business process contracts that support project delivery, and internal staffing and operating costs.

Sec. E.106 32 V.S.A. § 307(b) is amended to read:

(b) The budget shall also include in detail definite recommendations of the Governor relative to the amounts that should be appropriated to each of the activities referred to under this section. It shall also include definite recommendations of the Governor relative to the financing of the expenditures recommended and the appropriate amounts to be raised from ordinary revenue, direct taxes, bonds, or loans. The financing of the expenditures recommended, as proposed by the Governor, shall not include the funds from the Budget Stabilization Reserve as established in section 308 of this title. With the budget, the Governor shall submit to the General Assembly such messages, statements, or supplemental data with reference to the same, as the Governor

may deem expedient; however, budget documentation shall include to the extent possible the following:

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(5) A document outlining reversions and approved carryforward by appropriation for those funds subject to the Secretary of Administration's carryforward authority or containing automatic carryforward provisions as designated by the General Assembly.

Sec. E.108 STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY;

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT

(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department of Human Resources shall submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Government Operations with its findings and any recommendations for legislative action on how and whether to amend the statutes governing State employee compensation, including what State employee salary information should be set forth in statute and the method of determining appropriate pay increases for State employees. The report and recommendations shall be based on the Department's review and analysis of the following:

(1) those exempt position titles that set forth the associated salary in statute and the exempt position titles that do not set forth salary in statute;

(2) how the annual rate of adjustment is determined and applied for exempt employee salaries and how it compares to the annual rate of adjustment determination and application for classified employee salaries; and

(3) the salary advancement structure for exempt employees as compared to the salary advancement structure for classified employees.

Sec. E.108.1 3 V.S.A. § 2283 is amended to read:

§ 2283. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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(c)(1) There is established in the Department of Human Resources a Human Resource Services Internal Service Fund to consist of revenues from charges to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont State government and to be available to fund the costs of the consolidated human resource, Office of Racial Equity, and State Ethics Commission services in the Department of Human Resources.

(2) The rate of the charges shall be proposed by the Commissioner of Human Resources, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Administration. Proposed rates of charges shall be based upon the cost of operations associated with human resource, Office of Racial Equity, and State Ethics Commission services provided to agencies, departments, and similar units of Vermont State government.

Sec. E.111 DEPARTMENT OF TAXES; POSITION POOL;

FUNDING

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.111 of this act, \$135,000 General Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Business Analyst position to be taken from the position pool.

Sec. E.127 JOINT FISCAL OFFICE; SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT

(a) The Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Department of Finance and Management, provide a report with a general overview of special funds and their uses to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on or before December 15, 2026.

(b) In addition to the report outlined in subsection (a) of this section, the Joint Fiscal Office shall, in consultation with the Office of Legislative Counsel and the Department of Finance and Management, submit the following reports to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations:

(1) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by the Department of Finance and Management's accounting system as "general government," "labor," "general education," "commerce and community development," and "transportation." The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2026.

(2) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by

the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “human services” and “natural resources.” The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2027.

(3) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that fall within function areas of government identified by the Department of Finance and Management’s accounting system as “protection to persons and property.” The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2028.

(4) A report with detailed information on all special funds in existence the prior fiscal year that did not fall within any function areas of government identified in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection or that would fall within those function areas of government but were established after the relevant report was submitted. The report shall be submitted on or before December 15, 2029.

(c) The reports required by subsection (b) of this section shall include, for each special fund identified, the following information, if available:

(1) the authorizing statute for the fund, its date of enactment, and any amendments to the statute;

(2) a description of sources, uses, transfers, and reservations, including stated purposes of uses, transfers, and reservations;

(3) the prior fiscal year fund balance at closeout; and

(4) other relevant information on the general management and oversight of the fund.

Sec. E.127.1 FISCAL YEAR 2027 FEE REPORT; HUMAN SERVICES;

NATURAL RESOURCES

(a) Fiscal year 2027 fee information. Agencies, departments, boards, and offices that receive appropriations in Secs. B.300–399 and B.700–799 of this act shall, in collaboration with the Joint Fiscal Office, prepare a comprehensive fee report for each fee that is in effect in fiscal year 2027. The fee report shall contain the following information for each fee:

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

(2) 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;

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

(4) the amount of the revenues derived from the fee in each of the five fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2027;

(5) the number of times that the fee was paid in each of the two fiscal years preceding fiscal year 2027;

(6) a projection of the fee revenues in fiscal years 2027 and 2028;

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

(8) 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 2026;

(9) 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;

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

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

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

(b) Reports.

(1) 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, 2026, 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 with the Joint Fiscal Office to finalize the report before submitting the report described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

(2) On or before December 15, 2026, the agencies, departments, boards, and offices described in subsection (a) of this section shall submit a final report to the Joint Fiscal Office.

(3) On or before January 15, 2027, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit a consolidated report consisting of the final reports submitted pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Ways and Means and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Finance.

(4) 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) of this section shall include in both the draft and final reports a written explanation for why the information cannot be provided.

(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.”

(d) Executive Branch fee report moratorium. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 605, in fiscal year 2027, the Governor shall not be required to submit the

consolidated Executive Branch fee annual report and request to the General Assembly.

Sec. E.131 HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND; USES;
REPORT

(a) In calendar year 2026, as part of the annual financial report on the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund required by 16 V.S.A. § 2885(e), the Office of the State Treasurer shall, in consultation with the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council and the respective student government associations of the University of Vermont, Community College of Vermont, and Vermont State University, on each item listed below, include recommendations on the following:

(1) any changes to Fund sources, uses, and transfers, including any expanded uses of the Fund and adjustments to the current statutory allocation structure;

(2) mechanisms, including requiring consultation with the Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund Council, for ensuring appropriate fiduciary oversight of the use of the Fund to ensure that the endowed funds, including principal and interest earnings, are available for the intended purpose of providing scholarships to Vermont students;

(3) how to expand or modify the membership of the Council to include student representatives of the recipient institutions of higher education; and

(4) how to expand the scope of scholarship awards, including award amounts, types of degrees covered, and institutions of higher education included in the scholarship program.

Sec. E.131.1 STATE PACE RESERVE FUND; REPEAL

(a) 24 V.S.A. § 3270 (State PACE Reserve Fund) is repealed and any balance remaining shall be transferred to the General Fund.

Sec. E.133 VERMONT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

(a) Of the \$3,768,126 appropriated in Sec. B.133 of this act, \$2,526,938 constitutes the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,241,188 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System.

Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT
SYSTEM AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT
COMMISSION; OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

(a) Of the \$2,207,870 appropriated in Sec. B.134 of this act, \$1,765,361 constitutes the Vermont Municipal Employees' Retirement System operating budget, and \$442,509 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension

Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont Municipal
Employees' Retirement System.

Sec. E.135 3 V.S.A. § 922 is amended to read:

§ 922. OFFICE SPACE; EMPLOYEES; MEDIATOR

(a) The Secretary of Administration shall, upon request by the State Labor Relations Board, allow the Board the responsible use of public buildings under ~~his or her~~ the Secretary's control and furnish heat, light, and furniture for any meeting or hearing called by the Board.

(b) The Board may employ such employees and agents as it deems necessary and may employ a reporter for taking and transcribing testimony in hearing before it.

(c)(1) The Board may employ a mediator to provide free mediation services to public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers upon reaching an impasse during collective bargaining.

(2) If the mediator has capacity, the mediator may provide free mediation services to public and private sector collective bargaining units and employers on grievances and unfair labor practice charges.

(3) The Board shall develop policies and procedures to ensure that all confidential mediation information is maintained separately and insulated from access by members of the Board or other employees of the State Labor Relations Board so as to protect the integrity of the mediation process.

Sec. E.136.1 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; REPORT

(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the State Ethics Commission shall report to the House Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs, the Senate Committee on Government Operations, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on its organizational structure, workload, and capacity.

(b) The report shall include information on the Commission's:

(1) current personnel and management structure with two full-time equivalents; and

(2) recommendations for reducing or eliminating duties given to it through prior legislative enactment to align its workload with its fiscal year 2027 personnel capacity.

Sec. E.136.2 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION; POSITION FUNDING

(a) The \$150,000 General Fund and \$214,306 internal service fund appropriated in Sec. B.136.1 of this act may be used by the State Ethics Commission for personal services costs for up to two full-time equivalents to fund positions established at the Commission, including the Executive Director and the Staff Attorney established by Sec. E.100 of this act.

Sec. E.136.3 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171 (2024 Ethics Act), Sec. 24, as amended by 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 4, is further amended to read:

Sec. 24. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

(1) Sec. 13 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1230, Commission procedure, rulemaking) shall take effect on July 1, ~~2027~~ 2028, except that the Commission may adopt rules under 3 V.S.A. § 1230(b) prior to July 1, 2028;

(2) Sec. 22 (creating Municipal Code of Ethics) shall take effect on January 1, 2025;

(3) Sec. 7 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1221(a), describing expansion of Commission powers) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028;

(4) Sec. 8 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1222; title redesignation) shall take effect on July 1, 2025;

(5) Sec. 9 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025;

(6) Secs. 10 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1227, Commission investigations), 11 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1228, Commission hearings), 12 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1229, Commission warnings, reprimands, recommended actions, and agreements), and 14 (adding 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records regarding complaints) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028; and

(7) Sec. 1 (amending 17 V.S.A. § 2414, candidate disclosures) shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

Sec. E.136.4 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

This act shall take effect on passage, except that:

(1) Sec. 1 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1223, Commission procedure for accepting and referring complaints) shall take effect on September 1, 2025, and shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 9 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1223 and that conflict with the language in this act;

(2) Sec. 2 (amending future version of 3 V.S.A. § 1223) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028; and

(3) Sec. 3 (amending 3 V.S.A. § 1231, Commission public records regarding complaints) shall take effect on ~~September 1, 2027~~ July 1, 2028, and shall supersede those provisions of 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 171, Sec. 14 that amended 3 V.S.A. § 1231 and that conflict with the language in this act.

Sec. E.138 RENTER REBATE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BASE INCREASE;

ONE-TIME

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the \$4,000,000 increase to the appropriation in Sec. B.138 of this act be a one-time increase in fiscal year 2027 that shall not recur in future fiscal years.

Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), of the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$70,000 shall be provided to the Department of Taxes' Division of Property Valuation and Review and used with any remaining funds

from the amount previously transferred for final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and other expenses incurred to undertake utility property appraisals in Vermont.

Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a) or any other provision of law to the contrary, the appropriation in Sec. B.139 of this act shall be made from the PILOT Special Fund.

Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

(a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in addition to and without regard to the appropriations for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CORRECTIONAL

FACILITIES

(a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

(a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,

subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit activities.

(b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A. § 2458(b)(4), \$2,263,600 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY; ADMINISTRATION

(a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY; STATE POLICE

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$35,000 shall be available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which is composed of the State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs, and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

(b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$405,000 is allocated for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town

task force officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29) and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force or carried forward.

(c) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209 of this act, \$2,100,000 is allocated exclusively for the purchase, outfitting, assignment, and disposal of State Police vehicles.

Sec. E.209.1 20 V.S.A. § 1913a is added to read:

§ 1913a. VERMONT STATE POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND
FIREARM REPLACEMENT SPECIAL FUND

(a) Creation. There is created the Vermont State Police Radio Equipment and Firearm Replacement Special Fund, to be administered by the Department of Public Safety in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. Monies in the Fund shall be used for the purchase of Vermont State Police radio equipment and firearms in accordance with the life cycle replacement schedule as approved by the Commissioner of Public Safety.

(b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

(1) any amounts transferred to it by the General Assembly; and

(2) the proceeds from the sale of any existing radio equipment and firearms.

(c) Fund balance. Any balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the Fund.

(d) Receipts. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may anticipate receipts to this Fund and issue warrants based thereon.

Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY; FIRE SAFETY

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000 shall be granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of designing dry hydrants.

Sec. E.215 MILITARY; ADMINISTRATION

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.215 of this act, \$1,219,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for the Vermont National Guard Tuition Benefit Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

Sec. E.217 MILITARY; POSITION POOL; FEDERAL FUNDING

(a) Of the federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.217 of this act, \$442,247 shall be the 75 percent federal share for the following six classified limited service positions to be taken from the position pool: four Military Maintenance Specialists II; one Military Building Construction Specialist; and one Military Storekeeper.

Sec. E.218 MILITARY; POSITION POOL; STATE FUNDING

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.218 of this act, \$147,411 shall be the 25 percent State share for the following six classified limited service positions to be taken from the position pool: four Military Maintenance Specialists II; one Military Building Construction Specialist; and one Military Storekeeper.

Sec. E.219 MILITARY; VETERANS' AFFAIRS

(a) Of the General Fund appropriated in Sec. B.219 of this act, \$1,000 shall be used for continuation of the Vermont Medal Program; \$2,000 shall be used for the expenses of the Governor's Veterans Advisory Council; \$7,500 shall be used for the Veterans Day parade; \$10,000 shall be granted to the American Legion for the Green Mountain Boys' State and Green Mountain Girls' State programs; and \$10,000 shall be used for the USS Vermont Support Group.

Sec. E.232 SECRETARY OF STATE; VERMONT ACCESS NETWORK

BUDGET

(a) The Secretary of State shall grant the \$1,800,000 General Fund appropriation provided in Sec. B.232 of this act to the Vermont Access Network to maintain current operations and programming.

Sec. E.233 30 V.S.A. § 202d is amended to read:

§ 202d. TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN

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(f) The Department shall adopt a new Plan every ~~three~~ five years pursuant to the procedures established in subsection (e) of this section. The Plan shall outline significant deviations from the prior Plan. For good cause or upon request by a joint resolution passed by the General Assembly, an interim review and revision of any section of the Plan may be made after conducting public hearings on the interim revision. At least one hearing shall be held jointly with committees of the General Assembly designated by the General Assembly for this purpose.

Sec. E.233.1 30 V.S.A. § 209 is amended to read:

§ 209. JURISDICTION; GENERAL SCOPE

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(e) Thermal energy and process fuel efficiency funding.

(1) Each of the following shall be used to deliver thermal energy and process fuel energy efficiency services in accordance with this section for unregulated fuels to Vermont consumers of such fuels. In addition, the Commission may authorize an entity appointed to deliver such services under subdivision (d)(2)(B) of this section to use monies subject to this subsection for the engineering, design, and construction of facilities for the conversion of thermal energy customers using fossil fuels to district heat if the majority of the district's energy is from biomass sources, the district's distribution system is highly energy efficient, and such conversion is cost effective.

(A) Net revenues above costs associated with payments from the New England Independent System Operator (ISO-NE) for capacity savings resulting from the activities of the energy efficiency utility designated under subdivision (2)(A) of this subsection (e) ~~that are not transferred to the State PACE Reserve Fund under 24 V.S.A. § 3270(e)~~. These revenues shall be deposited into the Electric Efficiency Fund established by this section. In delivering services with respect to heating systems using the revenues subject to this subdivision (A), the entity shall give priority to incentives for the installation of high efficiency biomass heating systems and shall have a goal of offering an incentive that is equal to 25 percent of the installed cost of such a system. Provision of an incentive under this subdivision (A) for a biomass heating system shall not be contingent on the making of other energy efficiency improvements at the property on which the system will be installed.

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Sec. E.234 REPORT ON REGIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET

CONDITIONS; PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Public Utility Commission shall prepare a written report on projected regional renewable electric generation market conditions. In developing the report, the Commission shall examine the cost and availability of new regional renewable electric generation resources during the years 2027–2035.

(b) In preparing the report, the Commission shall provide an opportunity for written input from interested stakeholders, including retail electricity providers, renewable energy developers, regional transmission organizations, consumer advocates, and any other members of the public. In addition, the Commission may consult with the Department of Public Service and other relevant state, regional, or federal entities, as the Commission deems appropriate. Preparation of the report is not subject to the contested case procedures established under 3 V.S.A. chapter 25.

(c) The Commission shall submit the report to the House Committees on Environment and on Energy and Digital Infrastructure and the Senate Committees on Finance and on Natural Resources and Energy.

Sec. E.236 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION; POSITION POOL;

FUNDING

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.236 of this act, \$130,000 General Fund shall be for a permanent, exempt Staff Attorney Investigator position to be taken from the position pool.

Sec. E.300 FUNDING FOR THE OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE

ADVOCATE, VERMONT LEGAL AID

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.300 of this act:

(1) \$2,450,406 shall be for the contract with the Office of the Health Care Advocate;

(2) \$1,717,994 shall be for Vermont Legal Aid services, including the Poverty Law Project and mental health services; and

(3) \$650,000 shall be for the purposes of maintaining current Vermont Legal Aid program capacity and addressing increased requests for services, including eviction prevention and protection from foreclosure and consumer debt.

Sec. E.300.1 HIGH-END SYSTEM FACILITIES FOR YOUTH

(a) At the August, October, and December 2026 meetings of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services shall report on their plan to develop the Green Mountain Youth Facility.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, before the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services approve design documents for construction and prior to approval of the lease for the facility, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall submit their approved design to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Health and Welfare. At the same time, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a draft operating budget.

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

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall use the funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act for payment required under the intergovernmental agreement between the Agency of Human Services and the managed care entity, the Department of Vermont Health Access, as provided for in the Global Commitment to Health Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a total estimated sum of \$28,368,715 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

(1) \$25,158,000 certified State match available from local education agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under Global Commitment. This amount, combined with \$34,842,000 of federal funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, equals a total estimated expenditure of \$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 School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 33 V.S.A. § 1904a.

(2) \$3,210,715 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 \$4,997,210 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 (Secretary's Office; Global Commitment) of this act.

Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;

REPORT

(a) To facilitate fiscal year 2027 closeout, the Secretary of Human Services, with the approval of the Secretary of Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for Medicaid and Medicaid waiver program expenses, including Global Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency of Human Services shall submit to the Joint Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint Fiscal Committee for review at the Committee's September 2027 meeting. The purpose of this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 demonstration approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

Sec. E.301.2 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 72a, as amended by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. C.105, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.301.2, 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.300.2, and 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.301.2, is further amended to read:

Sec. 72a. MEDICAID HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
(HCBS PLAN)

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(f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this section obligated in fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025, ~~and 2026~~, and 2027 for the purposes of bringing HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal years 2024, 2025, ~~and 2026~~, and 2027, respectively. The funds appropriated in subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred on a net-neutral basis in fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025, ~~and 2026~~, and 2027 in the same manner as the Global Commitment appropriations in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. E.301. The Agency shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2023, September 2024, September 2025, ~~and September 2026~~, and September 2027, respectively, on transfers of appropriations made and final amounts expended by each department in fiscal years 2023, 2024, 2025, ~~and 2026~~, and 2027, respectively, and any obligated funds carried forward to be expended in fiscal years 2024, 2025, ~~and 2026~~, and 2027, respectively.

Sec. E.301.3 GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

(a) The Secretary of Human Services is authorized to seek an extension of Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration for the period of January 1, 2028, through December 31, 2032, from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Sec. E.306.1 MEDICARE ADVOCACY PROGRAM

(a) Effective July 1, 2026, the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access shall terminate any contract for services for the Medicare Advocacy Program under 33 V.S.A. chapter 67 consistent with the provisions of 33 V.S.A. § 6703(b).

Sec. E.306.2 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

POSITION POOL; FUNDING

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.306 of this act, \$497,077 of General Fund and \$497,077 of federal funds shall be for the following permanent, classified positions to be taken from the position pool: one Health Care Assistant Administrator I; one Digital Communications Specialist II; one Business Project Manager; four Vermont Healthcare Service Specialist I's; and five Vermont Healthcare Service Specialist II's.

Sec. E.306.3 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

PAYMENTS TO PROVIDERS IN PRIMARY CARE PLUS
PROGRAM

(a) In order to preserve access to primary care services, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall provide enhanced primary care rates and enhanced encounter rates, as applicable, to primary care providers in fiscal year 2027.

Sec. E.307 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

EDUCATION MEDICAID RECEIPTS

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of 16 V.S.A. § 2959a to the contrary, the payments ordinarily made by the Secretary of Education pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2959a(c) and (d) shall instead be made by the Commissioner of Vermont Health Access.

Sec. E.307.1 33 V.S.A. § 1900 is amended to read:

§ 1900. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter, unless otherwise indicated:

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(12) “Supervisory union” has the same meaning as in 16 V.S.A. § 11 and includes a supervisory district.

Sec. E.307.2 33 V.S.A. § 1904 is added to read:

§ 1904. MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES PROGRAM

(a)(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont maximize its receipt of federal reimbursement for medically related services

provided to students who are eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act.

(2) It is also the intent of the General Assembly that Vermont's School-Based Medical Assistance Program shall comply with all federal Medicaid requirements. As the State Medicaid agency, the Agency of Human Services shall have sole responsibility for determining and maintaining program compliance.

(b) The Agency of Education shall be responsible for coordination of the School-Based Medical Assistance Program with statewide education policy and objectives and for communicating with supervisory unions.

(c) The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules in accordance with 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to identify the services that are available through the School-Based Medical Assistance Program and to set forth the requirements for supervisory union participation. The rules shall include State and federal requirements for:

(1) Medicaid reimbursement;

(2) participation in a Random Moment Time Study and an electronic health records system;

(3) Medicaid cost reports;

(4) provider enrollment and trainings;

(5) service documentation;

(6) Medicaid eligibility; and

(7) any other provisions necessary for compliance with the Medicaid program.

(d)(1) The Agency of Human Services shall support supervisory unions by funding and providing the technical elements of the Program necessary for federal compliance.

(2) Supervisory unions delivering medically related services pursuant to the Medicaid School-Based Services Program shall participate in a Random Moment Time Study and an electronic health records system as directed by the Agency of Human Services to enable Medicaid billing of direct health services and Medicaid administrative claiming activities.

Sec. E.307.3 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is added to read:

§ 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND

(a) The School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund is established as a special fund to receive federal reimbursements for medically related services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program described in section 1904 of this chapter. Monies received by the State pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund, which shall be administered by the Agency of Human Services, and Fund receipts shall be allocated in accordance with this section.

(b) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall pay 55 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by the medically related services delivered in each supervisory union pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program to the supervisory union based on the Medicaid cost reports, service claims, and Medicaid administrative costs submitted by the supervisory union.

(c)(1) Up to 25 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the collection, operations, and reporting of school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.

(2) The Agencies shall enter into a memorandum of understanding setting forth the processes by which Medicaid reimbursement monies available for administrative costs and statewide programs are allocated to the Agencies.

(3) The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services shall expend monies from the Fund only as appropriated by the General Assembly. The provisions of 32 V.S.A. § 511 shall not apply to this Fund.

(d) At the close of each fiscal year, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall transfer to and deposit any unencumbered available cash balance remaining in the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund net of accounts payable into the Education Fund.

Sec. E.307.4 33 V.S.A. § 1904a is amended to read:

§ 1904a. SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FUND

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(c)(1) Up to ~~25~~ 20 percent of the federal reimbursement monies generated by services delivered pursuant to the Medicaid school-based services program shall be available for the administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the collection, operations, and reporting of school-based medical assistance programs and statewide programs.

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Sec. E.307.5 16 V.S.A. § 2959a is amended to read:

§ 2959a. ~~EDUCATION MEDICAID RECEIPTS~~ MEDICAID SCHOOL-
BASED SERVICES PROGRAM; SUPERVISORY UNIONS AND
SUPERVISORY DISTRICTS; LEGISLATIVE INTENT

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State of Vermont ~~shall~~ maximize its receipt of federal ~~Medicaid dollars available for~~ reimbursement of for medically related services provided to students who are ~~Medicaid~~ eligible under Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act. It is further the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) each supervisory union identify special education and other students eligible for Medicaid reimbursement and, to the extent possible, submit

~~Medicaid bills for services reimbursement~~ Medicaid-compliant cost reports
and service claims; and

(2) the Agencies of Education and of Human Services work with local school districts to maximize reimbursements, including services to non-IEP students.

~~(b) A Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund is established within the Agency of Education. Funds received by the State under this section shall be transferred to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund. The Fund receipts shall be allocated in accordance with this section.~~

~~(c) At least annually, the Secretary of Education shall pay to each supervisory union submitting Medicaid bills under this section 50 percent of the reimbursed funds generated by the supervisory union's bill, excluding claims generated by State placed students. Unless the supervisory union has agreed to use the funds to operate a supervisory unionwide program or to distribute the funds in a different manner, upon receipt, the supervisory union shall distribute the funds to its member school districts based on how the funds were generated. The Secretary may withhold payment due a supervisory union pursuant to section 2950 of this title for a Medicaid eligible State placed student if the supervisory union has not submitted a Medicaid claim for reimbursable services for that student.~~

~~(d) If the amount of Medicaid reimbursement funds received for services provided in the prior State fiscal year exceeds \$25,000,000.00, in addition to the 50 percent of the funds paid to supervisory unions submitting Medicaid bills, 25 percent of the amounts in excess of the \$25,000,000.00 shall be paid into an incentive fund created in the Agency of Education. These funds shall be used for an incentive payment to supervisory unions with student participation rates of over 80 percent in accordance with a formula to be developed by the Agency, in consultation with the Vermont Superintendents Association. For any incentive payments made subsequent to fiscal year 2007, the \$25,000,000.00 threshold of this subsection shall be increased by the percentage increase of 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 payment is being determined, plus an additional one-tenth of one percent.~~

~~(e) Supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section to pay for reasonable costs of administering the Medicaid claims process, and school districts or supervisory unions shall use funds received under this section for prevention and intervention programs in prekindergarten through grade 12. The programs shall be designed to facilitate early identification of and intervention with children with disabilities and to ensure all students achieve~~

~~rigorous and challenging standards approved and adopted by the State Board or locally adopted standards. A supervisory union shall provide annual written justification to the Secretary of Education on how it or its member districts used the funds. Such annual submission shall show how the funds' use is expressly linked to those provisions of the supervisory union's action plan that directly relate to improving student performance. A supervisory union shall include in its annual report the amount of the prior year's Medicaid reimbursement revenues and the use of Medicaid funds consistent with the purposes set forth in this subsection.~~

~~(f) Up to 30 percent of Medicaid reimbursements received under this section shall be available for administrative costs of the Agencies of Education and of Human Services related to the collection, processing, and reporting of education Medicaid reimbursements and statewide programs. The Secretaries of Education and of Human Services shall expend monies from the Fund only as appropriated by the General Assembly.~~

~~(g) Remaining reimbursed funds shall be deposited into the Education Fund.~~

Sec. E.307.6 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION
OF CHANGES TO MEDICAID SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES
PROGRAM

(a) The Agency of Human Services shall collaborate with the Agency of Education, Vermont Association of School Business Officials, Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators, and school district officials in implementing changes to the Medicaid school-based services program in accordance with this act, including:

(1) providing structured opportunities for input during the phased implementation process in order to address challenges and risks in a timely manner and minimize disruptions; and

(2) focusing on geographic diversity to ensure that the implementation process is responsive to regional variations in needs and capacity.

Sec. E.307.7 SPECIAL FUND BALANCE TRANSFER

(a) Any outstanding fund balances, assets, or liabilities remaining in the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 2959a shall be transferred to the School-Based Medicaid Reimbursement Fund established pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 1904a prior to the elimination of the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund by Sec. E.307.5 of this act.

Sec. E.307.8 DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS; FAMILY
PLANNING CODE IMPLEMENTATION; REPORT

(a) On or before September 15, 2026, the Department of Vermont Health Access shall review its implementation of family planning codes in the Medicaid program to ensure that all expenditures for family planning services

and supplies that are eligible for federal match at a 90 percent federal medical assistance percentage are receiving that enhanced rate.

(b) On or before October 1, 2026, the Department shall provide a progress report to the Health Reform Oversight Committee and the Joint Fiscal Committee on:

(1) the Department's findings to date from its review;

(2) an estimate of any reductions in General Fund expenditures that can be realized by maximizing usage of the family planning codes to obtain the 90 percent federal match for qualifying services and supplies; and

(3) proposals for ways in which the estimated savings can be reinvested into rate increases for family planning services and supplies as part of the fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment.

Sec. E.311 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 155, Sec. 7a, as amended by 2021

Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec E.311.2, is further amended to read:

Sec. 7a. ~~SUNSET~~

~~18 V.S.A. § 33 (medical students; primary care) is repealed on July 1, 2027.~~

[Deleted.]

Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

(a) HIV/AIDS funding:

(1) In fiscal year 2027 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.

(2) In fiscal year 2027 and as provided by this section, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$340,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following organizations:

(A) Vermont CARES: \$165,000;

(B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: \$115,000; and

(C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: \$60,000.

(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 the General Fund.

(A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in the 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.

(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.

(4) In fiscal year 2027, the Department of Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$400,000 from the General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services on or before September 1, 2026. 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.

(5) In fiscal year 2027, 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 2026 without receiving prior approval from the Joint Fiscal Committee.

Sec. E.313 18 V.S.A. § 4812 is amended to read:

§ 4812. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION SPECIAL FUND

(a) The Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund is established and managed by the Vermont Department of Health in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5 for the purpose of funding substance misuse prevention programming, including school-based prevention programming.

(b) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax imposed pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902, not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal year, shall be deposited into this fund ~~for substance misuse prevention costs.~~

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Sec. E.313.1 REPORT; RECOVERY RESIDENCES AND RECOVERY
CENTERS; INFLATION

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of Health shall present the following information to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare:

(1) base appropriations to recovery residences and recovery centers during the previous 10 fiscal years; and

(2) what each of those base appropriations would have been had each kept up with inflation.

Sec. E.316 REPORT; REACH UP

(a) On or before January 15, 2027, the Department for Children and Families shall submit a written report to the House Committees on

Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare evaluating the Reach Up Program, including any inefficiencies or gaps in services; an actionable, phased plan that estimates the amount needed to remove the ratable reduction in the Reach Up program; and any recommendations for legislative action.

Sec. E.316.1 33 V.S.A. § 3702 is amended to read:

§ 3702. FUNDING

(a) The Secretary of Human Services shall disperse a joint allocation for all parent child center services to the Parent Child Center Network, which shall distribute funding to each authorized parent child center.

(b) The Agency shall consult with the Parent Child Center Network to develop appropriate measures and methods of accountability for authorized members of the Network. The Network and authorized parent child centers shall provide any previously agreed upon information to enable the Secretary to evaluate the services provided through grant funds, the effect of services on consumers, and an accounting of the expenditure of grant funds.

(c) Annually, as part of its budget presentation, the Agency shall inform the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare of the cost of adding a one percent base increase over the previous fiscal year's base appropriation for the Parent Child Center Network.

Sec. E.316.2 REPORT; PARENT CHILD CENTERS; INFLATION

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department for Children and Families shall present the following information to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare:

(1) base appropriations to the Parent Child Center Network during the previous 10 fiscal years; and

(2) what each of those base appropriations would have been had each kept up with inflation.

Sec. E.316.3 SNAP AND MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS; REPORTING

(a) In fiscal year 2027, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the implementation of federal H.R.1 SNAP work requirements and, to the extent applicable, Medicaid work requirements.

(1) On or before September 15, 2026, with regard to SNAP benefits, the Agency shall submit a report that includes to the extent practicable:

(A) the number of individuals who have become ineligible for benefits or experienced a loss or reduction in benefits due to federal changes to work requirements, including specifically by adults between 55 and 64 years of age, individuals experiencing homelessness, and adults with a child between 14 and 18 years of age;

(B) the number of individuals who lost benefits due to federal changes to work requirements and immediately reapplied for benefits and any related administrative costs;

(C) the estimated total amount of benefit loss to individuals due to federal changes to work requirements;

(D) the reasons individuals are determined ineligible for benefits;

(E) the Agency's use of discretionary exemptions, including those expiring in September 2026, and the remaining balance to offset benefit loss and reductions;

(F) the number of individuals who received assistance from the Agency due to federal changes to work requirements, including the number of individuals who did not lose or experience a reduction in benefits after receiving assistance from the Agency;

(G) payment error rate percentages for the current federal fiscal year, including an analysis on Agency and client errors; and

(H) any other pertinent information.

(2) On or before March 1, 2027, with regard to Medicaid, the Agency shall submit a report that includes to the extent practicable:

(A) the number of individuals who are subject to work requirements due to federal changes;

(B) the number of individuals each month who were required to re-enroll from January through June of 2026;

(C) the number of individuals each month who will be required to re-enroll from January through June of 2027;

(D) an outline of the Agency's plan for automating data-matching for eligibly redeterminations and assessing compliance with work requirements;
and

(E) a summary of the two-year plan to recertify Vermont Medicaid providers, including a list and timeline for providers requiring recertification and any changes in Vermont Medicaid.

(3) Both reports shall also include:

(A) information regarding outreach, stakeholder coordination, and other efforts undertaken to support impacted households and community partners in assisting households to obtain and maintain benefits, including the provision of sample notices, automated calls, text scripts, and other communications with individuals; and

(B) the number of applications supported by outreach partners, benefit assisters, or other community service providers.

(4) In calendar years 2027 and 2028, the Agency shall, on a quarterly basis, provide an update to the reports required by this subsection to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and

the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare while the General Assembly is in session and to the Joint Fiscal Committee while the General Assembly is not in session.

Sec. E.316.3 33 V.S.A. § 1703 is amended to read:

§ 1703. CHANGES TO PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

(a)(1) The Department shall report to the Chairs of the House Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare ~~and~~, community partners under contract with the Department to provide outreach services, federally authorized retailers operating in Vermont, any other interested stakeholders, and, if the General Assembly is adjourned, the Joint Fiscal Committee, within 30 days after any substantive change in the federal law governing SNAP that:

~~(A)~~(1) restricts or improves eligibility;

~~(B)~~(2) increases or reduces barriers or creates or eliminates hardships to access; ~~or~~

(3) identifies anticipated impacts on the administrative burden or costs to the Department, community partners under contract with the Department to provide outreach services, or federally authorized retailers operating in Vermont; or

~~(C)~~(4) inhibits or increases benefit usage.

~~(2)(b) Within Not less than 90 days after prior to the implementation of a substantive voluntary change described pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection to Vermont's SNAP program, the Department shall provide an analysis to the Chairs of any anticipated administrative costs to the Department and any impacts on SNAP applicants and participants as a result of the change;~~

(1) convene a meeting with community partners under contract with the Department to provide outreach services, federally authorized retailers operating in Vermont, and any other interested stakeholders to describe the proposed change to Vermont's SNAP program, including the anticipated impact on eligibility, benefit level, administrative burden or costs, and any other relevant impact of the proposed change; and

(2) consult with and consider input from community partners under contract with the Department to provide outreach services, federally authorized retailers operating in Vermont, and any other interested stakeholders on the impacts of the Department's voluntary change to Vermont's SNAP program.

~~(b) The Commissioner may convene a meeting of interested stakeholders to discuss a change listed in subsection (a) of this section.~~

Sec. E.316.4 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

ADMINISTRATION; VERMONT HOMELESSNESS

RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE FUNDING

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.316 of this act, \$1,100,000 shall be for staffing, grants, and contracts relating to the implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

(b) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in subsection (a) of this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally designated.

Sec. E.317 SUPERVISED VISITATION PROGRAMS

(a)(1) \$137,500 of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act, the \$130,000 General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.1100(c)(5) of this act, and \$100,000 of the federal funds appropriation in Sec. B.317 of this act shall be granted by the Department for Children and Families to supervised visitation programs as follows:

(A) \$367,500 to the six existing community-based supervised visitation sites.

(2) The Department shall work with the Vermont Network Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence to develop a funding formula for supervised visitation sites, to identify the community partners to develop two new supervised visitation sites during fiscal year 2027, and to begin planning for the creation of four additional supervised visitation sites, two each to become operational beginning in fiscal years 2028 and 2029.

Sec. E.318 CHILD CARE; TUITION RATES

(a) Notwithstanding 33 V.S.A. § 3517, in fiscal year 2027, the Commissioner for Children and Families may authorize a nonprofit child care provider that did not rebase tuition rates pursuant to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 76 to increase annual tuition in excess of 1.5 times the most recent annual increase in NAICS Code 611, Educational Services, upon a finding of financial hardship. Prior to authorization, the Commissioner shall determine that the child care provider has experienced a loss of revenue and is reasonably likely to continue to experience a loss of revenue absent the requested tuition increase. The child care provider shall furnish any information requested by the Commissioner in support of such a determination.

Sec. E.321 END HOMELESSNESS VERMONT; GRANT;

HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE CONTINUUM

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Vermont ranks fourth per capita in the United States for homelessness;

(2) Vermont's unhoused population has risen dramatically since the COVID-19 pandemic;

(3) Vermont's shelter, housing, and supportive services capacity is insufficient to meet the needs of its unhoused population;

(4) repeated changes in program scope and eligibility requirements for programs, including emergency housing provided through General Assistance program, have made it difficult for Vermonters seeking housing assistance to access and maintain support;

(5) the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum may not be fully implemented in fiscal year 2027; and

(6) End Homelessness Vermont has provided essential services to unhoused Vermonters, including service navigation and coordination from crisis through housing stability, technical assistance, and concrete supports.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the grant to End Homelessness Vermont in Sec. B.1100(c)(4) of this act support its continued statewide work of providing essential services to individuals living with complex needs and disabilities who are experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

Sec. E.321.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

GENERAL ASSISTANCE; VERMONT HOMELESSNESS
RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE FUNDING

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.321 of this act, \$9,251,120 shall be for emergency housing in hotels and motels relating to the implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

(b) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in subsection (a) of this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally designated.

(c) Any spending authority designated for General Assistance emergency housing that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall be carried forward for investment in the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum in fiscal year 2027.

Sec. E.322 33 V.S.A. § 2605 is amended to read:

§ 2605. BENEFIT AMOUNTS

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(h) ~~Households~~ A household receiving benefits from 3SquaresVT ~~whose head of household~~ that is not otherwise eligible for a fuel benefit under this section shall be eligible for a nominal annual Home Heating Fuel Assistance benefit of \$21.00 if a member of the household is elderly or disabled under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program regulations.

Sec. E.323 REACH FIRST; REPEAL

(a) 33 V.S.A. chapter 10 (Reach First) is repealed.

Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$38,251,696 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.

Sec. E.325.1 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE
OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; VERMONT
HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE CONTINUUM BASE
FUNDING

(a) Of the appropriations in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$38,251,696 General Fund, \$830,422 federal funds, and \$202,488 Global Commitment shall be for Housing Opportunity Grant Program operations, \$778,987 General Fund and \$3,421,013 Global Commitment shall be for permanent supportive housing and family supportive housing, \$500,000 General Fund shall be for the Community Resource Center, \$2,400,000 General Fund shall be for case management, \$3,000,000 General Fund shall be for rental assistance, \$1,400,000 General Fund shall be for shelter development, and \$314,618

federal funds shall be for other expenses relating to the implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum.

(b) Any spending authority designated for the purposes provided in subsection (a) of this section that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same purpose for which it was originally designated.

(c) Any spending authority designated for the Housing Opportunity Grant Program that remains unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2026 shall be carried forward for investment in the Vermont Homelessness Response Continuum in fiscal year 2027.

Sec. E.326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY; WEATHERIZATION
ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the special fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

Sec. E.329 DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED SERVICE AGENCIES;
WORKING GROUP; ENGAGEMENT PROCESS; REPORT

(a) In fiscal year 2027, the Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with Vermont Care Partners, shall convene a working group to support the ongoing coordination and a shared understanding of the designated and specialized service agency support system, including the system's functioning

and capacity. The Agency, Vermont Care Partners, and the working group shall meet at least twice during fiscal year 2027. The Agency and Vermont Care Partners shall jointly develop the agenda in advance of each meeting.

(1) The meetings may include a discussion of State and federal requirements, system operations and service delivery, workforce and provider capacity, fiscal pressures, administrative burden, the definition of essential services, and the extent to which evolving community needs and system reforms have affected the responsibilities and long-term sustainability of designated and specialized service agencies.

(2) At the first meeting, the Agency and Vermont Care Partners shall develop a transparent process to communicate about and implement changes necessitated by State or federal requirements, including changes related to funding, staffing, operational feasibility, and service delivery.

(3) The working group shall discuss alignment with the State's health care delivery system planning efforts, including ongoing hospital and health system transformation work.

(4) On or before January 15, 2027, the Agency of Human Services, in collaboration with Vermont Care Partners, shall provide an update to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare regarding the activities of the working group.

(b) On or before January 15, 2028, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, in consultation with the Departments of Health and of Mental Health and the Office of Health Care Reform, shall submit a plan to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare for developing and conducting a data-informed, patient-focused, community-inclusive engagement process for Vermont's designated and specialized service agencies that conforms with the Statewide Health Delivery Strategic Plan developed pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9403. Development of the plan shall include participation by individuals who reflect Vermont's diversity with regard to race, income, age, and disability status. Specifically, the plan shall include:

(1) hearing from and sharing data, information, trends, and insights with communities about the current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies;

(2) providing opportunities for meaningful participation in all stages of the engagement process by current, former, and prospective clients of the designated and specialized service agencies and health care providers, including employees of designated and specialized service agencies;

(3) providing the data, information, and analysis necessary to support the engagement process, including information and trends relating to the

current and future states of the designated and specialized service agencies and the workforce challenges encountered by the agencies; and

(4) establishing mechanisms to assess the impact of any changes on the designated and specialized service agencies, including on workforce recruitment and retention initiatives.

(c) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living may include a request for an appropriation to hire one or more consultants to support the engagement process recommended pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

Sec. E.329.1 CHOICES FOR CARE; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall report to the House Committee on Human Services, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on appropriations for the Choices for Care Program in the prior five fiscal years, including detailed information on expenditures for home- and community-based services and skilled nursing facility services.

Sec. E.329.2 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES, AGING AND

INDEPENDENT LIVING; POSITION POOL; FUNDING

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.329 of this act, \$130,000 General Fund shall be for a permanent, classified Disabilities Housing Coordinator position to be taken from the position pool.

Sec. E.338 CORRECTIONS; CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

(a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 3709(a), the special fund appropriation of \$152,000 for the supplemental facility payments to Newport and Springfield shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

Sec. E.500 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment and fiscal year 2028 budget presentations, the Agency of Education shall include:

(1) a comprehensive account of fiscal year 2027 appropriations, including information on amounts expended or obligated at the time of the presentation's submission;

(2) a comprehensive account of anticipated fiscal year 2027 carryforward, including information on the reasons for expenditures being lower than anticipated;

(3) information on all third-party contract agreements the Agency entered into in fiscal year 2027;

(4) organizational charts reflecting the current structure of the Agency and each division within the Agency;

(5) written explanation of any changes to the Agency's organizational structure and personnel;

(6) a comprehensive account of any vacancies within the Agency, including information on the duration of each position vacancy and any recommendations for the elimination or redesignation of positions; and

(7) information on any changes to federal funding, rules, or policy that may affect the Agency and any action the Agency has taken or may take to address those changes.

Sec. E.500.1 EDUCATION; GLOBAL COMMITMENT

(a) The Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.501 of this act shall be used for physician claims for determining medical necessity of Individualized Education Programs. These services are intended to increase access to quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Sec. E.500.2 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 33 is amended to read:

Sec. 33. EDUCATION TRANSFORMATION; POOL POSITIONS

The General Fund appropriation in Sec. 32 of this act shall fund five ~~limited service~~ permanent classified positions taken from the position pool. The pool positions shall be used to establish the following ~~limited service~~ permanent classified positions at the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2026 to support education transformation work:

- (1) one Business Operations Support Specialist;
- (2) one Data Integration Support Specialist;
- (3) one Curriculum and Education Quality Standards Integration Specialist;
- (4) one Learning and Teaching Integration Specialist; and
- (5) one School Facilities Field Support Specialist.

Sec. E.500.3 16 V.S.A. § 51 is amended to read:

§ 51. UNIVERSAL AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER SPECIAL FUND

(a) The Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund is created, to be managed by the Agency of Education. The cannabis sales tax revenue shall be deposited into the Universal Afterschool and Summer Special Fund. The Fund shall be used as follows:

(1) To establish a grant program that supports the expansion of universal afterschool and summer programs with a focus on underserved areas of the State.

(2) Cannabis sales tax revenue shall be used to support a mixed delivery system for afterschool and summer programming. Eligible recipients can be public, private, or nonprofit organizations.

(A) Grants may be used for technical assistance, program implementation, program expansion, program sustainability, and related costs.

(B) Funds may be used to directly target communities with low existing capacity to serve youth in afterschool and summer settings.

(C) The award of grants and any subsequent contract or written agreement issued pursuant to the award of a grant shall require that a grantee does not discriminate, and prohibits its employees, agents, subcontractors, and other service providers from discriminating, on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability.

(D) The Agency may use up to ~~\$500,000.00~~ five percent of annually forecasted revenues for administrative costs to allow for the support of the grant program and technical assistance to communities. This could include subcontracts to support the grant program.

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Sec. E.502 EDUCATION; SPECIAL EDUCATION; FORMULA GRANTS

(a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$5,336,200 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2027 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

(b) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2027 as funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2975. In distributing such funds, the Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A. § 2969(c) and (d).

Sec. E.503 EDUCATION; STATE-PLACED STUDENTS

(a) The Independence Place Program of ANEW Place shall be considered a 24-hour residential program for the purposes of reimbursement of education costs.

Sec. E.504 ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY

(a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$4,349,673 General Fund shall be granted to adult education and literacy providers, pursuant to the Adult Education and Secondary Credential Program established in 16 V.S.A. § 945.

Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION; FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, of the Education Fund appropriation in Sec. B.504.1 of this act, the amount of:

(1) \$921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

(2) \$2,400,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

(3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants;

(4) \$4,200,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 947(b); and

(5) \$2,899,782 is available for the Adult Education and Secondary Credential Program.

(b) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$921,500 from the General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

Sec. E.504.2 16 V.S.A. § 4021 is added to read:

§ 4021. ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Local adult education and literacy provider” has the same meaning as in section 942 of this title.

(2) “Statewide AEL student count” means the average annual number of students statewide who complete the diagnostic portions of the adult education and secondary credential program over the previous two completed fiscal years.

(3) “Statewide AEL student-hours” means the average annual number of student-hours of instruction provided statewide for adult education and literacy activities over the previous two completed fiscal years.

(b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount multiplied by the

statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall appropriate 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the funds from the General Fund.

(c) Payment allocations.

(1) Beginning in fiscal year 2029, the Secretary shall determine payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-county basis according to this subdivision.

(A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.

(B) The Secretary shall then allocate the remaining funds among the counties according to each county's share of the statewide AEL student count.

(2) Annually, the Secretary shall pay to each local adult education and literacy provider, as defined in section 942 of this title, that provides an adult education and secondary credential program the amount determined pursuant to this section for each county in which the local adult education and literacy provider provides the county's adult education and secondary credential program.

(3) For each of fiscal years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall determine payments from the appropriation under subsection (b) of this section on a per-county basis according to this subdivision.

(A) The Secretary shall first allocate \$80,000.00 to each county.

(B) The Secretary shall then allocate among the counties 85 percent of the remaining funds according to each county's share of the statewide AEL student count and 15 percent of the remaining funds according to each county's share of the statewide AEL student-hours.

Sec. E.504.3 REPEAL

16 V.S.A. § 4021(c)(3) (adult education funding transition language) is repealed on July 1, 2028.

Sec. E.504.4 16 V.S.A. § 4011(f) is amended to read:

~~(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 an amount equal to 26 percent of the base education amount for each student who completes the diagnostic portions of the adult education and secondary credential program, based on an average of the previous two completed fiscal years. 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. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.504.5 16 V.S.A. § 4021(b) is amended to read:

(b) Annual appropriation. Annually, the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to pay for adult education and literacy activities in an amount equal to 26 percent of the categorical base ~~education~~ amount

multiplied by the statewide AEL student count. The General Assembly shall appropriate 40 percent of the funds from the Education Fund and 60 percent of the funds from the General Fund.

Sec. E.507.1 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS; CATEGORICAL AID

(a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.507.1 of this act shall be used to provide categorical aid to school districts for English Learner services, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 4013.

Sec. E.511.1 STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; POSITION POOL;

FUNDING

(a) Of the General Fund appropriated in Sec. B.511.1 of this act, \$130,000 shall be for a limited service exempt position to be taken from the position pool.

Sec. E.514 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), the annual contribution to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System shall be \$220,905,084, of which \$212,905,084 shall be the State's contribution and \$8,000,000 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.

(b) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(c)(2), of the annual contribution, \$43,739,011 is the "normal contribution," and \$177,166,073 is the "accrued liability contribution."

Sec. E.514.1 VERMONT STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
AND VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;
OPERATING BUDGET; SOURCE OF FUNDS

(a) Of the \$4,178,569 appropriated in Sec. B.514.1 of this act, \$2,879,269 constitutes the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System operating budget, and \$1,299,300 constitutes the portion of the Vermont Pension Investment Commission's budget attributable to the Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System.

Sec. E.515 RETIRED TEACHERS' HEALTH CARE AND MEDICAL
BENEFITS

(a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(b)(2) and 16 V.S.A. § 1944b(h)(1), the annual contribution to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits plan shall be \$99,834,595, of which \$90,834,595 shall be the State's contribution and \$9,000,000 shall be from the annual charge for teacher health care contributed by employers pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944d. Of the annual contribution, \$30,987,156 is the "normal contribution," and \$68,847,439 is the "accrued liability contribution."

Sec. E.600 UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.600 of this act to the University of Vermont on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$380,362 shall be transferred to the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research to comply with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

(a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

(b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center to comply with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or private funds, or both.

Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES; ALLIED HEALTH

(a) If Global Commitment Fund monies are unavailable, the total grant funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the General Fund or other State funding sources.

(b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment appropriation in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality

health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

(a) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act:

(1) \$25,000 shall be deposited into the trust fund established in 16 V.S.A. § 2845;

(2) not more than \$400,000 may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for a student aspirational initiative to serve one or more high schools; and

(3) not less than \$1,000,000 shall be used to continue the Vermont Trades Scholarship Program established in 2022 Act and Resolves No. 183, Sec. 14.

(b) Of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act that remain after accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, not less than 93 percent shall be used for direct student aid.

(c) After accounting for the expenditures set forth in subsection (a) of this section, up to seven percent of the funds appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605 of this act or otherwise currently or previously appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation or

provided to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation by an agency or department of the State for the administration of a program or initiative may be used by the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation for its costs of administration. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation may recoup its reasonable costs of collecting the forgivable loans in repayment. Funds shall not be used for indirect costs. To the extent that any of these funds are federal funds, allocation for expenses associated with administering the funds shall be consistent with federal grant requirements.

Sec. E.605.1 NEED-BASED STIPEND FOR DUAL ENROLLMENT AND
EARLY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(a) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025, the \$41,225 Education Fund and \$41,225 General Fund appropriated to the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation in Sec. B.605.1 of this act is for dual enrollment and need-based stipend purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for financially disadvantaged students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. The Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

(b) On or before January 15, 2027, the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation shall report on the program to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs.

Sec. E.606 16 V.S.A. § 2885 is amended to read:

§ 2885. VERMONT HIGHER EDUCATION ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND

(a) A Vermont Higher Education Endowment Trust Fund is established in the Office of the State Treasurer to comprise the following:

(1) ~~appropriations~~ transfers made by the General Assembly;

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Sec. E.700 3 V.S.A. § 2807 is amended to read:

§ 2807. LANDS AND FACILITIES TRUST FUND

(a) Legislative purpose. The General Assembly finds and determines:

(1) The public lands, facilities, and recreational assets of Vermont represent both a priceless inheritance from the past and an enduring legacy for future generations.

(2) The lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the ~~Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation~~ Agency of Natural Resources are held as public assets for the citizens of Vermont, and require proper

management to ensure that these natural resources and facilities remain viable and available for this and all future generations.

(b) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) ~~“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation or the Commissioner’s designee~~ “Secretary” means the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary’s designee.

(2) ~~“Eligible activity” means any activity undertaken, initiated, or supported by the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Agency of Natural Resources, for State lands under the ownership of the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, that provides for the management of State lands, facilities, and recreational assets, including administrative support.~~ “Eligible activity” includes but is not limited to: repair and maintenance of State parks; contract surveys and mapping; maintenance of State lands, including boundaries, roads, trails, and facilities; contract inventories of State land natural resources; repair of State-owned dams; ~~repair, replacement, and maintenance of conservation camps;~~ and timber management in accordance with U.S.D.A. silvicultural guidelines; project management; contract development and administration; and business office support. “Eligible activity” does not include the acquisition of land.

(3) “Fund” means the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund.

(c) Creation and use of Fund.

(1) There is established in the State Treasury an income-producing fund to be known as the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund, to be managed by the State Treasurer, and from which expenditures shall be made by the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary in accordance with appropriations by the General Assembly for the benefit of lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the Agency. Payments from the Fund may be made to meet costs for eligible activities ~~that are not covered in operating budgets for management of Agency lands, facilities, and recreational assets.~~

(2) The Fund shall be administered as part of the trust investment account established in 32 V.S.A. § 434. After the first three years of the Fund's existence, on July 1 of each year, the Treasurer ~~shall~~ may distribute from the Fund ~~five~~ up to eight percent of the moving average of the market value of the Fund over the prior 12 quarters with the approval of the House and Senate, provided that the Fund balance does not go below the prior fiscal year's ending fund balance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the first three years of the Fund's existence, expenditures for immediate needs, not to exceed five percent of the principal, may be authorized by the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary, provided that such expenditures are consistent with the priorities established by the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary, pursuant to this section, and shall be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

(3) ~~Annual expenditures from the Fund shall be limited to projects approved by the Commissioner and shall be in accordance with appropriations of the General Assembly. Project priorities shall be determined in accordance with criteria established by the Commissioner and shall include consideration of at least the following:~~ The Secretary may make expenditures from the Fund for eligible projects with a consideration towards cost; availability of funds; condition of the resource, facility, or infrastructure; level of use; level of public need; the stated intent of the donor, when donated property is involved; and the ability to protect or enhance a public investment or public resource.

(4) There shall be deposited in the Fund monies received by the Agency that are related to management and administrative support of Agency lands, facilities, and recreational assets and that are received from a variety of public and private sources pertinent to the purposes of the Fund, including donations; grants; special use permits; federal funds specifically designated for uses compatible with the intent of the fund; timber sale receipts received after June 30, 2001, from State forestland and all Agency lands otherwise not restricted; and such sums as may be ~~appropriated~~ transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly. The Agency may solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent with the stated intent of the donor and deposited with the State Treasurer. Income earned by the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund, and all balances

in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund.

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Sec. E.700.1 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section C.110 is amended to read:

Sec. C.110 IMPLEMENTATION OF PRELIMINARY
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE VERMONT CLIMATE
ACTION COMMISSION

* * *

(b) Recommendations of the Commission and actions taken on them include:

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~~(5) Electrify the transportation system: The direction concerning the use of Environmental Mitigation Trust monies resulting from the Volkswagen litigation set forth in Sec. E.700 of this act is designed to increase electrification of transportation.~~

Sec. E.700.2 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Section E.700 is amended to read:

Sec. E.700 VOLKSWAGEN LITIGATION; ENVIRONMENTAL
MITIGATION TRUST FOR STATE BENEFICIARIES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Appendix D-2” means Appendix D-2 to the Environmental Mitigation Trust, entitled “Eligible Mitigation Actions and Mitigation Action Expenditures.”

(2) “Environmental Mitigation Trust” or “Trust” means the Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for State Beneficiaries filed on October 2, 2017 in In re: Volkswagen “Clean Diesel” Marketing, Sales Practices, and Products Liability Litigation, 3:16-CV-00295-CRB, MDL No. 2672 CRB (JSC) (N.D. Cal.).

(3) “Mobile source” means any vehicle, freight switcher, ferry, tug, vessel, or equipment that qualifies under an eligible mitigation action listed in Appendix D-2.

(b) The Secretary of Natural Resources shall administer Environmental Mitigation Trust monies pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 554(15) ~~and, in administering the Trust monies appropriated under Sec. B.710 of this act, shall:~~

~~(1) Dedicate at least 15 percent of those monies for the purchase of light duty electric supply equipment and associated allowable administrative costs in accordance with Appendix D-2.~~

~~(2) Dedicate the remainder of the monies to the replacement of mobile sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric mobile sources or the repowering of mobile sources that consume fossil fuels with all electric~~

~~engines, or both, and associated allowable administrative costs.~~ The expenditures shall be in accordance with the requirements of Appendix D-2.

Sec. E.702 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; EQUIPMENT
REPLACEMENT FUNDING; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET
PRESENTATION

(a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall include information on the cost and schedule of radio equipment and firearm life cycle replacement and any recommendations for future funding, including the establishment of a designated special fund for that purpose.

Sec. E.711 AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES; POSITION POOL;
FUNDING

(a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.711 of this act, \$300,000 General Fund shall be for two permanent, classified Environmental Analysts to be taken from the position pool to support the work required pursuant to 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 121.

Sec. E.801 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. F.8 is amended to read:

Sec. F.8 ~~RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM~~

~~(a) Creation; purpose.~~

~~(1) A Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding~~

~~through local development corporations for business relocation and expansion efforts, including the purchase, demolition, and renovation of property for industrial use.~~

~~(2)(A) To the extent funding is appropriated, the Agency shall make grants through the Program to assist local development corporations with business relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.~~

~~(B) The Agency shall ensure an accounting of the respective State and Grantee shares of investment in any property be maintained to refund to the State an appropriate share of any net proceeds resulting from future sale or transfer of such property acquired or improved through a grant awarded under this program.~~

~~(b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall consider:~~

~~(1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including nonprofit organizations, in the applicant's region;~~

~~(2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site specific needs of businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;~~

~~(3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a grant award; and~~

~~(4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.~~

~~(c) Eligible applicants; priority.~~

~~(1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this State.~~

~~(2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.~~

~~(d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient may use funding for the following:~~

~~(1) to purchase land for potential industrial use;~~

~~(2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing infrastructure for property the recipient owns;~~

~~(3) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, subchapter 3; or~~

~~(4) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant consistent with this section.~~

~~(e) Application; market assessment.~~

~~(1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth opportunities.~~

~~(2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to begin and complete the proposed project:~~

~~(A) community and regional support for the project;~~

~~(B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;~~

~~(C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a plan for fiscal viability; and~~

~~(D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the project and a plan for obtaining the permits.~~

~~(f) Awards; amount.~~

~~(1) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000 or 20 percent of the total project cost.~~

~~(2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other sources.~~

~~(3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.~~

~~(4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but eligible use.~~

~~(g) Deed restrictions; property sales. The Agency shall include deed restrictions that require the return of the principal amount to the state and may require the payment of a percentage of the sales profit. [Repealed.]~~

Sec. E.801.1 10 V.S.A. § 6 is added to read:

§ 6. RURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

(a) Creation; purpose.

(1) The Rural Industry Development Grant Program is created within the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to provide grant funding through local development corporations for the purpose of business relocation and expansion activities set forth in subsection (d) of this section.

(2) To the extent funding is appropriated, the Agency shall make grants through the Program fund to assist local development corporations with business relocation and expansion efforts throughout Vermont.

(3) As used in this section, “federally impacted property” means real property that is:

(A) owned by the United States or by any federal agency or an instrumentality thereof; or

(B) under the custody or control of a federally appointed receiver, trustee, or conservator, and includes property subject to federal court jurisdiction.

(b) Grant considerations. In making grant awards, the Agency shall consider:

(1) the real estate needs of growing and relocating businesses, including nonprofit organizations, in the applicant’s region;

(2) the ability of the proposed project to meet the site-specific needs of businesses considering whether to expand or locate in this State;

(3) the funding that the applicant has identified, or secured, to leverage a grant award; and

(4) the readiness of an applicant to move a project forward.

(c) Eligible applicants; priority.

(1) To be eligible for a grant, an applicant must be a local development corporation, as defined in subdivision 212(10) of this title, located within this State.

(2) The Secretary of Commerce and Community Development may designate projects and agreements as first priority based on rural communities that continue to experience insufficient economic and grand list growth.

(d) Eligible activities. A grant recipient shall use any funding provided through this section only for the following:

(1) to purchase real property for potential industrial, commercial, or, in the case of a federally impacted property, residential use;

(2) for the costs of site development, permitting, or providing infrastructure for property the recipient owns;

(3) for a project that supports future commercial or industrial development as outlined in a development agreement;

(4) for the equity investment required for a loan transaction through the Vermont Economic Development Authority under 10 V.S.A. chapter 12, subchapter 3;

(5) for the matching requirement of another State or federal grant consistent with this section; or

(6) for the purchasing, holding, and renovation of property for the repurposing or redevelopment of a federally impacted property.

(e) Application; market assessment.

(1) An applicant shall include in its application a local and regional market assessment that demonstrates reasonable need for the proposed development and identifies imminent, potential, or existing business growth opportunities.

(2) An applicant shall submit the following to demonstrate a readiness to begin and complete the proposed project:

(A) community and regional support for the project;

(B) that grant funding is needed to complete the proposed project;

(C) an ability to manage the project, with requisite experience and a plan for fiscal viability; and

(D) a description of the permitting required to proceed with the project and a plan for obtaining the permits.

(f) Awards; amount.

(1)(A) An award shall not exceed the lesser of \$1,000,000.00 or 50 percent of the total project cost, subject to the exception in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (1).

(B) An award may exceed \$1,000,000.00 but shall not exceed \$2,000,000.00 if the property is classified as a federally impacted property and the Secretary certifies that the project is located in:

(i) a designated downtown development district; and

(ii) a rural economic area partnership program (REAP Zone); or

(iii) a federally declared natural disaster area, provided the declaration was made not more than five years from the application date.

(2) A recipient may combine grant funds with funding from other sources.

(3) The Agency shall release grant funds upon determining that the applicant has met all application conditions and requirements.

(4) A grant recipient may apply for additional grant funds if future amounts are appropriated for the Program and the funds are for a separate but eligible use.

(g) Deed restrictions. Any deed restriction requiring a Rural Industry Development Grant Program award recipient to return to the State the principal amount of the grant or a percentage of the sales profit is void and shall not be enforced.

Sec. E.801.2 INTENT AND RETROACTIVITY

(a) The intent of Secs. E.801 and E.801.1 of this act is to move the Rural Industry Development Grant Program from its original placement in 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. F.8 to Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. The move is intended to increase the visibility of the Program. Any applicant that was awarded a grant through the Program before the effective date of this act shall:

(1) not have its award rescinded solely due to the Program language being moved to Title 10;

(2) if the award has not been fully paid out, be eligible to have the applicant's invoices that are submitted on or after the effective date of this act to the Agency reimbursed at a rate of 50 percent; and

(3) not be eligible for an increased total award amount.

Sec. E.915 32 V.S.A. § 3709 is amended to read:

§ 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

(a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local option tax revenues paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138. This Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title, all interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under

~~chapter 123~~, subchapters 4 and 4C of this ~~title~~ chapter, and for any additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities, and as provided in subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Finance and Management may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of receipts.

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(c) If the local option tax cash receipts deposited in the PILOT Special Fund, pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138, in any State fiscal year exceed the sum of all cash disbursements made under subchapters 4 and 4C of this chapter; payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities; and grand list and appraisal assistance during that same fiscal year, then an amount of PILOT Special Funds equal to three-fourths of the surplus annual operating cash receipts shall be transferred by the Commissioner of Finance and Management to the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund, established pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306b, as part of the annual fiscal year close out process.

Sec. E.915.1 19 V.S.A. § 306b is added to read:

§ 306b. LOCAL OPTION MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL
FUND

(a) The Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund is established in the Agency of Transportation and shall be managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The purpose of the Fund is to provide

additional State aid for town highways pursuant to the provisions of section 306 of this chapter.

(b) The Fund shall consist of:

(1) transfers from the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A.

§ 3709(c);

(2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Fund;

(3) any amounts transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly; and

(4) all interest earned on Fund balances.

(c)(1) The Secretary may seek and accept gifts, donations, and grants from any source, public or private, for deposit into the Fund.

(2) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall anticipate receipts to the Fund and shall issue warrants based on the anticipated amounts.

(3)(A) The Fund shall be used solely to provide State aid to municipalities pursuant to subsections 306(a), (e), and (h) of this chapter and for any administrative costs of administering the Fund.

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections 306(a), (e), and (h) of this chapter to the contrary, the aggregate amount of appropriations from the Fund pursuant to those subsections in any given State fiscal year shall not exceed 95 percent of the anticipated cash receipts to the Fund for that fiscal year.

Sec. E.915.2 19 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

§ 306. APPROPRIATION; STATE AID FOR TOWN HIGHWAYS

(a) General State aid to town highways.

(1) An annual appropriation to class 1, 2, and 3 town highways shall be made. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

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(3) The funds appropriated shall be distributed to towns as follows:

(A) Six percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 1 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town's percentage of class 1 town highways of the total class 1 town highway mileage in the State.

(B) Forty-four percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 2 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town's percentage of class 2 town highways of the total class 2 town highway mileage in the State.

(C) Fifty percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation shall be apportioned to class 3 town highways. The apportionment for each town shall be that town's percentage of class 3 town highways of the total class 3 town highway mileage in the State.

(D) Monies apportioned under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall be distributed to each town in quarterly payments beginning July 15 in each year.

(E) Each town shall use the monies apportioned to it solely for town highway construction, improvement, and maintenance purposes or as the nonfederal share for public transit assistance. These funds may also be used for the establishment and maintenance of bicycle routes and sidewalks. The members of the selectboard shall be personally liable to the State, in a civil action brought by the Attorney General, for making any unauthorized expenditures from money apportioned to the town under this section.

(4)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a), a portion of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated shall be apportioned, distributed, and used in the same manner as provided pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection (a).

(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (4) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) or be subject to the annual

inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection (a).

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(e) State aid for town highway structures.

(1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities for maintenance ~~(, including actions to extend life expectancy),~~ and for construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure, such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

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(5) Funds received as grants for State aid for town highway structures may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

(6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (e), a portion of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated shall be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this subsection (e).

(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (e) or be subject to the annual inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection (e).

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(h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program.

(1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2 town highways. Municipalities that have no State highways or class 1 town highways within their borders may use the grants for such activities with respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage

change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

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(4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the Agency has previously committed to completing those projects.

(5) Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

(6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (h), a portion of the Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter. Amounts appropriated shall be used in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this subsection (h).

(B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated

pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (h) or be subject to the annual inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection (h).

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Sec. E.923 19 V.S.A. § 11 is amended to read:

§ 11. TRANSPORTATION FUND

The Transportation Fund shall comprise the following:

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(8) other miscellaneous sources, including the sale of maps, plans, and reports; fees collected by the Travel Information Council; leases for property at State-owned airports and railroads; proceeds from the sale of State surplus property under the provisions of 29 V.S.A. §§ 1556 and 1557; and proceeds from the sale of recycled materials; and

(9) all interest earned in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308a(e) and interest earned upon the nondedicated component of the Transportation Fund.

Sec. E.923.1 19 V.S.A. § 11a is amended to read:

§ 11a. TRANSPORTATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS

No transportation funds shall be appropriated for the support of government other than for the Agency, the Board, Transportation Pay Act Funds, construction of transportation capital facilities, transportation debt service, the purchase of level 1 and 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) charging

ports by the Department of Housing and Community Development for the purposes provided in 23 V.S.A. § 361, and the operation of information centers by the Department of Buildings and General Services.

* * * Pay Act * * *

Sec. F.100 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS; FISCAL
YEARS 2027 AND 2028

(a) Fiscal year 2027. This act fully funds the first year of the collective bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees' Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The collective bargaining agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2027 an average 1.9 percent step increase and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on July 12, 2026, and a 2 percent across-the-board increase on January 10, 2027, for a total average increase of 5.9 percent for those employees receiving step increases during the fiscal year.

(b) Fiscal year 2028. This act fully funds the second year of the collective bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees' Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028. The collective bargaining agreements for most classified employees provide in fiscal year 2028 an average 1.9 percent step increase and a 3.0 percent across-the-board increase

for a total average increase of 4.9 percent for those employees receiving step increases during the fiscal year.

* * * Exempt Employees; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

Sec. F.101 EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES;
FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028

(a) Fiscal year 2027. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may extend the fiscal year 2027 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the appropriations provided to each branch.

(b) Fiscal year 2028. The Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may extend the fiscal year 2028 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the appropriations provided to each branch.

Sec. F.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND
DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND
SPECIAL SALARY INCREASE OR BONUS

(a) Fiscal year 2027. For purposes of determining annual salary adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)

and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2027, 5.9 percent.

(b) Fiscal year 2028. For purposes of determining annual salary adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b) and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2028, 4.9 percent.

* * * Executive Branch; Miscellaneous Statutory Salaries;

Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

§ 1003. STATE OFFICERS

(a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an annual salary as follows:

	Annual	Annual
	Salary	Salary
	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
(1) Governor	\$222,371	\$234,379
(2) Lieutenant Governor	\$94,392	\$99,489

(3) Secretary of State	\$141,003	\$148,617
(4) State Treasurer	\$141,003	\$148,617
(5) Auditor of Accounts	\$141,003	\$148,617
(6) Attorney General	\$168,837	\$177,954

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>(1) Governor</u>	<u>\$243,520</u>	<u>\$248,390</u>	<u>\$260,561</u>
<u>(2) Lieutenant Governor</u>	<u>\$103,369</u>	<u>\$105,436</u>	<u>\$110,602</u>
<u>(3) Secretary of State</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>	<u>\$165,219</u>
<u>(4) State Treasurer</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>	<u>\$165,219</u>
<u>(5) Auditor of Accounts</u>	<u>\$154,413</u>	<u>\$157,501</u>	<u>\$165,219</u>
<u>(6) Attorney General</u>	<u>\$184,894</u>	<u>\$188,592</u>	<u>\$197,833</u>

(b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment

subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified in this subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to the maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose job duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in the preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases or bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment available to most classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement then in effect.

(1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

	Base	Base
	Salary	Salary
	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
(A) Administration	\$134,466	\$141,727
(B) Agriculture,		
Food and		
Markets	\$134,466	\$141,727

(C) Financial		
Regulation	\$125,706	\$132,494
(D) Buildings and		
General Services	\$125,706	\$132,494
(E) Children and		
Families	\$125,706	\$132,494
(F) Commerce and		
Community		
Development	\$134,466	\$141,727
(G) Corrections	\$125,706	\$132,494
(H) Defender		
General	\$125,706	\$132,494
(I) Disabilities,		
Aging, and		
Independent		
Living	\$125,706	\$132,494
(J) Economic		
Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
(K) Education	\$134,466	\$141,727
(L) Environmental		
Conservation	\$125,706	\$132,494

(M) Finance and		
Management	\$125,706	\$132,494
(N) Fish and		
Wildlife	\$114,031	\$120,189
(O) Forests, Parks		
and Recreation	\$114,031	\$120,189
(P) Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
(Q) Housing and		
Community		
Development	\$114,031	\$120,189
(R) Human		
Resources	\$125,706	\$132,494
(S) Human Services	\$134,466	\$141,727
(T) Digital Services	\$134,466	\$141,727
(U) Labor	\$125,706	\$132,494
(V) Libraries	\$114,031	\$120,189
(W) Liquor and		
Lottery	\$114,031	\$120,189
(X) [Repealed.]		
(Y) Mental Health	\$125,706	\$132,494
(Z) Military	\$125,706	\$132,494

(AA) Motor			
Vehicles	\$114,031		\$120,189
(BB) Natural			
Resources	\$134,466		\$141,727
(CC) Land Use Review			
Board Chair	\$114,031		\$120,189
(DD) Public Safety	\$125,706		\$132,494
(EE) Public Service	\$125,706		\$132,494
(FF) Taxes	\$125,706		\$132,494
(GG) Tourism and			
Marketing	\$114,031		\$120,189
(HH) Transportation	\$134,466		\$141,727
(II) Vermont Health			
Access	\$125,706		\$132,494
(JJ) Veterans' Home	\$125,706		\$132,494
	<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>(A) Administration</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>

<u>(B) Agriculture,</u>			
<u>Food and</u>			
<u>Markets</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(C) Financial</u>			
<u>Regulation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(D) Buildings and</u>			
<u>General Services</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(E) Children and</u>			
<u>Families</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(F) Commerce and</u>			
<u>Community</u>			
<u>Development</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(G) Corrections</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(H) Defender</u>			
<u>General</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(I) Disabilities,</u>			
<u>Aging, and</u>			
<u>Independent</u>			
<u>Living</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(J) Economic</u>			
<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>

<u>(K) Education</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(L) Environmental</u>			
<u>Conservation</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(M) Finance and</u>			
<u>Management</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(N) Fish and</u>			
<u>Wildlife</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
<u>(O) Forests, Parks</u>			
<u>and Recreation</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
<u>(P) Health</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(Q) Housing and</u>			
<u>Community</u>			
<u>Development</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
<u>(R) Human</u>			
<u>Resources</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(S) Human Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(T) Digital Services</u>	<u>\$147,254</u>	<u>\$150,199</u>	<u>\$157,559</u>
<u>(U) Labor</u>	<u>\$137,661</u>	<u>\$140,414</u>	<u>\$147,294</u>
<u>(V) Libraries</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>
<u>(W) Liquor and</u>			
<u>Lottery</u>	<u>\$124,876</u>	<u>\$127,374</u>	<u>\$133,615</u>

(X) [Repealed.]

(Y) Mental Health \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(Z) Military \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(AA) Motor

Vehicles \$124,876 \$127,374 \$133,615

(BB) Natural

Resources \$147,254 \$150,199 \$157,559

(CC) Land Use Review

Board Chair \$124,876 \$127,374 \$133,615

(DD) Public Safety \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(EE) Public Service \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(FF) Taxes \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(GG) Tourism and

Marketing \$124,876 \$127,374 \$133,615

(HH) Transportation \$147,254 \$150,199 \$157,559

(II) Vermont Health

Access \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(JJ) Veterans' Home \$137,661 \$140,414 \$147,294

(2) [Repealed.]

(3) If the Chair of the Land Use Review Board is employed on less than a full-time basis, the hiring and salary maximums for that position shall be reduced proportionately.

(4) When a permanent employee is appointed to an exempt position, the Governor may authorize such employee to retain the present salary even though it is in excess of any salary maximum provided in statute.

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(d) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of this section, the Defender General shall not receive compensation in excess of the compensation established for the Attorney General in this section.

(e) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of this section, the maximum salary for the Commissioner of Health shall not exceed 100 percent above the base salary for this position.

* * * Judicial Branch; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

Sec. F.104 32 V.S.A. § 1003(c) is amended to read:

(c) The officers of the Judicial Branch named in this subsection shall be entitled to annual salaries as follows:

Annual	Annual
Salary	Salary
as of	as of
July 14,	July 13,

	2024	2025
(1) Chief Justice of		
Supreme Court	\$214,024	\$225,581
(2) Each Associate		
Justice	\$204,264	\$215,294
(3) Chief Superior		
Judge	\$204,264	\$215,294
(4) Each Superior		
Judge	\$194,185	\$204,671
(5) [Repealed.]		
(6) Each		
Magistrate	\$146,413	\$154,319
(7) Each Judicial		
Bureau hearing		
officer	\$146,413	\$154,319
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
		<u>July 11,</u>
		<u>2027</u>

(1) Chief Justice of

<u>Supreme Court</u>	<u>\$234,379</u>	<u>\$239,067</u>	<u>\$250,781</u>
<u>(2) Each Associate</u>			
<u>Justice</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
<u>(3) Chief Superior</u>			
<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$223,690</u>	<u>\$228,164</u>	<u>\$239,344</u>
<u>(4) Each Superior</u>			
<u>Judge</u>	<u>\$212,653</u>	<u>\$216,906</u>	<u>\$227,534</u>
<u>(5) [Repealed.]</u>			
<u>(6) Each</u>			
<u>Magistrate</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>
<u>(7) Each Judicial</u>			
<u>Bureau hearing</u>			
<u>officer</u>	<u>\$160,337</u>	<u>\$163,544</u>	<u>\$171,558</u>

Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

§ 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

(a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive compensation in the amount of ~~\$224.47 a day as of July 14, 2024 and \$236.59 a day as of July 13, 2025~~ \$245.82 a day as of July 12, 2026, \$250.74 a day as of January 10, 2027, and \$263.03 a day as of July 11, 2027, for time spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed to

classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

(2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this subdivision (2).

(B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

(b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session or during a court recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

§ 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

(a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of all fees or other compensation:

Annual	Annual
Salary	Salary
as of	as of
July 14,	July 13,

	2024	2025
(1) Addison	\$76,555	\$80,689
(2) Bennington	\$96,776	\$102,002
(3) Caledonia	\$67,891	\$71,557
(4) Chittenden	\$161,506	\$170,227
(5) Essex	\$18,966	\$19,990
(6) Franklin	\$76,555	\$80,689
(7) Grand Isle	\$18,966	\$19,990
(8) Lamoille	\$53,443	\$56,329
(9) Orange	\$63,554	\$66,986
(10) Orleans	\$62,110	\$65,464
(11) Rutland	\$137,221	\$144,631
(12) Washington	\$105,441	\$111,135
(13) Windham	\$85,221	\$89,823
(14) Windsor	\$115,555	\$121,795

	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>(1) Addison</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$85,513</u>	<u>\$89,703</u>

<u>(2) Bennington</u>	<u>\$105,980</u>	<u>\$108,100</u>	<u>\$113,397</u>
<u>(3) Caledonia</u>	<u>\$74,348</u>	<u>\$75,835</u>	<u>\$79,551</u>
<u>(4) Chittenden</u>	<u>\$176,866</u>	<u>\$180,403</u>	<u>\$189,243</u>
<u>(5) Essex</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>	<u>\$22,223</u>
<u>(6) Franklin</u>	<u>\$83,836</u>	<u>\$85,513</u>	<u>\$89,703</u>
<u>(7) Grand Isle</u>	<u>\$20,770</u>	<u>\$21,185</u>	<u>\$22,223</u>
<u>(8) Lamoille</u>	<u>\$58,526</u>	<u>\$59,697</u>	<u>\$62,622</u>
<u>(9) Orange</u>	<u>\$69,598</u>	<u>\$70,990</u>	<u>\$74,469</u>
<u>(10) Orleans</u>	<u>\$68,017</u>	<u>\$69,377</u>	<u>\$72,776</u>
<u>(11) Rutland</u>	<u>\$150,272</u>	<u>\$153,277</u>	<u>\$160,788</u>
<u>(12) Washington</u>	<u>\$115,469</u>	<u>\$117,778</u>	<u>\$123,549</u>
<u>(13) Windham</u>	<u>\$93,326</u>	<u>\$95,193</u>	<u>\$99,857</u>
<u>(14) Windsor</u>	<u>\$126,545</u>	<u>\$129,076</u>	<u>\$135,401</u>

(b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual and necessary expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden District shall be for full-time service.

(c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually, shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

* * * Sheriffs; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

Sec. F.107 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

§ 1182. SHERIFFS

(a) The sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive salaries in the amount of ~~\$104,010.00 as of July 14, 2024 and \$109,627.00 as of July 13, 2025~~ \$113,902.00 as of July 12, 2026, \$116,180.00 as of January 10, 2027, and \$122,873.00 as of July 11, 2027. The Sheriff of Chittenden County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount of ~~\$110,070.00 as of July 14, 2024 and \$116,014.00 as of July 13, 2025~~ \$120,539.00 as of July 12, 2026, \$122,950.00 as of January 10, 2027, and \$128,975.00 as of July 11, 2027.

(b) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by 10 percent for any sheriff who has Level II but not obtained Level III law enforcement officer certification under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

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* * * State's Attorneys; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2027 and 2028 * * *

Sec. F.108 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

§ 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

(a) The State's Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as follows:

Annual	Annual
Salary	Salary

	as of	as of
	July 14,	July 13,
	2024	2025
(1) Addison County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(2) Bennington		
County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(3) Caledonia County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(4) Chittenden County	\$147,087	\$155,030
(5) Essex County	\$105,521	\$111,219
(6) Franklin County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(7) Grand Isle County	\$105,521	\$111,219
(8) Lamoille County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(9) Orange County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(10) Orleans County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(11) Rutland County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(12) Washington		
County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(13) Windham County	\$140,691	\$148,288
(14) Windsor County	\$140,691	\$148,288
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>

	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<u>July 12,</u>	<u>January 10,</u>	<u>July 11,</u>
	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2027</u>
<u>(1) Addison County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(2) Bennington</u>			
<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(3) Caledonia County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(4) Chittenden County</u>	<u>\$161,076</u>	<u>\$164,298</u>	<u>\$172,349</u>
<u>(5) Essex County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>	<u>\$123,644</u>
<u>(6) Franklin County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(7) Grand Isle County</u>	<u>\$115,557</u>	<u>\$117,868</u>	<u>\$123,644</u>
<u>(8) Lamoille County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(9) Orange County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(10) Orleans County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(11) Rutland County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(12) Washington</u>			
<u>County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(13) Windham County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>
<u>(14) Windsor County</u>	<u>\$154,071</u>	<u>\$157,152</u>	<u>\$164,852</u>

(b) In settlement of their accounts, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall allow the State's Attorneys the expense of printing briefs in

cases in which the State's Attorney has represented the State and their necessary and actual expenses under the rules pertaining to classified State employees.

Sec. F.108.1 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

§ 1183. STATE'S ATTORNEYS

* * *

(c) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by 30 percent for any State's Attorney who is not licensed or authorized to practice law in the State pursuant to the administrative orders issued by the Vermont Supreme Court.

* * * Appropriations * * *

Sec. F.109 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS; FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND
2028

(a) Executive Branch. The first and second years of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and Corrections bargaining units, and, for the purpose of appropriation, the State's Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; the collective bargaining agreement with the Vermont Troopers' Association for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2028; and salary

increases for employees in the Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows:

(1) Fiscal year 2027.

(A) General Fund. The amount of \$23,918,820.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess receipts to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,184,607.00 from a special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2027, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be

necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported by State funds.

(2) Fiscal year 2028.

(A) General Fund. The amount of \$24,974,632.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to departments to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$3,000,000.00 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to the Agency of Transportation to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act.

(C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess receipts to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreements and the requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$28,362,343.00 from a special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

(D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other funds, for fiscal year 2028, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be

necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported by State funds.

(3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

(b) Judicial Branch.

(1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the provisions of the Judiciary's collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.

(2) Fiscal year 2027. The first year of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$3,800,867.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of \$277,316.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2027 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

(3) Fiscal year 2028. The second year of the two-year agreements between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of

\$2,466,396.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of \$179,952.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal year 2028 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

(c) Legislative Branch.

(1) For the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, the General Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$914,634.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.

(2) For the period of July 1, 2027, through June 30, 2028, the General Assembly, including all Legislative Branch employees, shall be funded as follows: the amount of \$778,939.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Branch.

* * * Effective Dates * * *

Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

(a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105, C.106, C.107, C.108, C.109, C.110, C.111, C.112, C.113, C.114, C.115, E.504.2, E.504.3, E.504.4, E.801, E.801.1, E.801.2, E.915, and F.108.1 shall take effect on passage.

(b) Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 shall take effect on October 1, 2026.

(c) Secs. E.307.4 and E.923 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

(d) Sec. E.504.5 shall take effect upon the occurrence of the contingencies set forth in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 70(f).

(e) Sec. E.100.3 shall take effect retroactively on June 30, 2024.

(f) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.