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Senators Perchlik, Baruth, Brennan, Lyons, Norris, Watson, and Westman

move that the Senate proposal of amendment be amended as follows:

First: In Sec. B.1100, miscellaneous fiscal year 2027 one-time appropriations, by adding a new subdivision (h)(4) to read as follows:

(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.

Second: By striking out Sec. B.1103, cash fund appropriations, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. B.1103 to read as follows:

Sec. B.1103 CASH FUND FOR CAPITAL AND ESSENTIAL INVESTMENTS; FISCAL YEAR 2027 ONE-TIME CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS

(a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,455 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) \$1,281,174 for statewide major maintenance;

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

1           (C) \$1,000,000 for statewide three-acre parcel stormwater

2 compliance;

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

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

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

6           (G) \$1,050,000 for the Agency of Human Services for HVAC

7 upgrades at correctional facilities;

8           (H) \$225,000 for the Agency of Human Services for statewide

9 correctional facilities security upgrades;

10           (I) \$2,700,000 for the Agency of Human Services for door control

11 upgrades at correctional facilities;

12           (J) \$1,000,000 for the Agency of Human Services for the Northern

13 State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;

14           (K) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for Newport,

15 Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades;

16           (L) \$772,557 for the Agency of Human Services for the Department

17 for Children and Families' youth short-term stabilization facility;

18           (M) \$500,000 for the Department of Public Safety for an Urban

19 Search and Rescue (USAR) facility;

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

21 Junction courthouse; and

22           (O) \$500,000 for the Agency of Human Services for maintenance

23 and renovations at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.

1           (2) Department of Environmental Conservation:

2                   (A) \$2,498,000 for the State match for federal Drinking Water State  
3 Revolving Fund; and

4                   (B) \$150,000 for Waterbury Dam Penstock project cost overruns.

5           (3) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation:

6                   (A) \$400,000 for park infrastructure and rehabilitation, improvement,  
7 and three-acre rule compliance.

8           (4) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

9                   (A) \$200,000 for dam maintenance and safety planning.

10          (5) Judiciary:

11                   (A) \$500,000 for the Essex County Courthouse connector project.

12          (6) Vermont Historical Society:

13                   (A) \$566,724 for the replacement of a climate control unit.

14          (7) Department of Corrections:

15                   (A) \$250,000 to work with the Agency of Digital Services to install a  
16 Wi-Fi system in State correctional facilities that is appropriately designed to  
17 address the safety, security, and confidentiality risks of the correctional  
18 environment.

19          Third: By adding a new a new Sec. E.316.3 to read as follows:

20          Sec. E.316.3 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES;

21                                 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE BASE FUNDING

22                   (a) In addition to the \$21,183,809 one-time General Fund appropriation

23 made to the Department for Children and Families in Sec. B.1100(c)(1) of this

1 act for the implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response  
2 Continuum, including shelter development and operation, emergency housing  
3 in hotels and motels, grants to municipalities, emergency cold weather shelters,  
4 and supportive services, and related case management, staffing, grants, and  
5 contracts, \$61,450,344 of the appropriations made in Secs. B.316, B.321, and  
6 B.325 of this act shall be base funding to support those purposes.

7 (c) Any spending authority referenced in subsection (a) of this section that  
8 remains at the end of fiscal year 2027 shall be carried forward for the same  
9 purpose for which it was originally appropriated.

10 Fourth: By adding three new sections as follows:

11 Sec. E.915 32 V.S.A. § 3709 is amended to read:

12 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

13 (a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local  
14 option tax revenues paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138.  
15 This Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter  
16 7, subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title,  
17 all interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting  
18 future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under  
19 ~~chapter 123, subchapters 4 and 4C of this title~~ chapter, and for any additional  
20 State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities, and as provided in  
21 subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Finance and Management  
22 may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of  
23 receipts.

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2       (c) If the local option tax revenues deposited in the PILOT Special Fund  
3 pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138 in any State fiscal year exceed the full amount of  
4 all payments made under subchapters 4 and 4C of this chapter plus any  
5 additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities and any  
6 amounts appropriated from the PILOT Special Fund to the Department of  
7 Taxes for expenses related to grand list and appraisal assistance, three-fourths  
8 of the excess amount shall be transferred to the Local Option Municipal  
9 Transportation Special Fund established pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306b.

10       Sec. E.915.1 19 V.S.A. § 306b is added to read:

11       § 306b. LOCAL OPTION MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL  
12               FUND

13       (a) The Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund is established  
14 in the Agency of Transportation and shall be managed in accordance with  
15 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The purpose of the Fund is to provide  
16 additional State aid for town highways pursuant to the provisions of section  
17 306 of this chapter.

18       (b) The Fund shall consist of:

19               (1) transfers from the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A.  
20 § 3709(c);

21               (2) any gifts, grants, or contributions made to the Fund; and

22               (3) any amounts transferred to the Fund by the General Assembly.



1           (A) Six percent of the State’s annual town highway appropriation  
2 shall be apportioned to class 1 town highways. The apportionment for each  
3 town shall be that town’s percentage of class 1 town highways of the total class  
4 1 town highway mileage in the State.

5           (B) Forty-four percent of the State’s annual town highway  
6 appropriation shall be apportioned to class 2 town highways. The  
7 apportionment for each town shall be that town’s percentage of class 2 town  
8 highways of the total class 2 town highway mileage in the State.

9           (C) Fifty percent of the State’s annual town highway appropriation  
10 shall be apportioned to class 3 town highways. The apportionment for each  
11 town shall be that town’s percentage of class 3 town highways of the total class  
12 3 town highway mileage in the State.

13           (D) Monies apportioned under subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of this  
14 subsection (a) shall be distributed to each town in quarterly payments  
15 beginning July 15 in each year.

16           (E) Each town shall use the monies apportioned to it solely for town  
17 highway construction, improvement, and maintenance purposes or as the  
18 nonfederal share for public transit assistance. These funds may also be used  
19 for the establishment and maintenance of bicycle routes and sidewalks. The  
20 members of the selectboard shall be personally liable to the State, in a civil  
21 action brought by the Attorney General, for making any unauthorized  
22 expenditures from money apportioned to the town under this section.



1 damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of  
2 access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's  
3 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is  
4 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the  
5 following are negative or zero:

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7 (5) Funds received as grants for State aid for town highway structures  
8 may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching  
9 requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

10 (6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision  
11 (1) of this subsection (e), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the  
12 Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for  
13 town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is  
14 consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter.  
15 Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be used in the same manner and for  
16 the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this  
17 subsection (e).

18 (B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be  
19 supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated  
20 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (e) or be subject to the annual  
21 inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection  
22 (e).

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1 (h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program.

2 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities  
3 for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2  
4 town highways. Municipalities that have no State highways or class 1 town  
5 highways within their borders may use the grants for such activities with  
6 respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. This appropriation shall  
7 increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage  
8 change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous  
9 fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

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11 (4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Class 2 Town  
12 Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall  
13 advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from  
14 the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the  
15 Agency has previously committed to completing those projects.

16 (5) Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town  
17 Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion  
18 of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection  
19 309b(c) of this title.

20 (6)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision  
21 (1) of this subsection (h), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the  
22 Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for  
23 town highway structures in each State fiscal year in an amount that is

1 consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter.  
2 Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be used in the same manner and for  
3 the same purposes as provided pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (5) of this  
4 subsection (h).

5 (B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (6) shall be  
6 supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated  
7 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (h) or be subject to the annual  
8 inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection  
9 (h).

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