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2 Senator Perchlik moves that the Senate proposal of amendment be amended
3 as follows:

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

6 (4) \$3,000,000 PILOT Special Fund, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. §
7 3709(a), to provide additional grants through the general State aid to town
8 highways program pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306(a).

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

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

14 (a) In fiscal year 2027, \$23,418,455 is appropriated from the Capital
15 Infrastructure Subaccount in the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential
16 Investments for the following:

17 (1) Department of Buildings and General Services:

18 (A) \$1,281,174 for statewide major maintenance;

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

20 (C) \$1,000,000 for statewide three-acre parcel stormwater
21 compliance;

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

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

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

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

3 upgrades at correctional facilities;

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

5 correctional facilities security upgrades;

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

7 upgrades at correctional facilities;

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

9 State Correctional Facility boiler replacement;

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

11 Northern State Correctional Facility sprinkler system upgrades;

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

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

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

15 Search and Rescue (USAR) facility;

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

17 Junction courthouse; and

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

19 and renovations at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.

20 (2) Department of Environmental Conservation:

21 (A) \$2,498,000 for the State match for federal Drinking Water State

22 Revolving Fund; and

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

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

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

4 (4) Department of Fish and Wildlife:

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

6 (5) Judiciary:

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

8 (6) Vermont Historical Society:

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

10 (7) Department of Corrections:

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

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

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

17 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE BASE FUNDING

18 (a) In addition to the \$21,183,809 one-time General Fund appropriation
19 made to the Department for Children and Families in Sec. B.1100(c)(1) of this
20 act for the implementation of the Vermont Homelessness Response
21 Continuum, including shelter development and operation, emergency housing
22 in hotels and motels, grants to municipalities, emergency cold weather shelters,
23 and supportive services, and related case management, staffing, grants, and

1 contracts, \$61,450,344 of the appropriations made in Secs. B.316, B.321, and
2 B.325 of this act shall be base funding to support those purposes.

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

6 Fourth: By adding three new sections as follows:

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

8 § 3709. PILOT SPECIAL FUND

9 (a) There is hereby established a PILOT Special Fund consisting of local
10 option tax revenues paid to the State Treasurer pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138.
11 This Fund shall be managed by the Commissioner of Taxes pursuant to chapter
12 7, subchapter 5 of this title. Notwithstanding subdivision 588(3) of this title,
13 all interest earned on the Fund shall be retained in the Fund for use in meeting
14 future obligations. The Fund shall be exclusively for payments required under
15 ~~chapter 123~~, subchapters 4 and 4C of this ~~title~~ chapter, ~~and~~ for any additional
16 State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities, and as provided in
17 subsection (c) of this section. The Commissioner of Finance and Management
18 may draw warrants for disbursements from this Fund in anticipation of
19 receipts.

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21 (c) If the local option tax revenues deposited in the PILOT Special Fund
22 pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 138 in any State fiscal year exceed the full amount of
23 all payments made under subchapters 4 and 4C of this chapter plus any

1 additional State payments in lieu of taxes for correctional facilities and any
2 amounts appropriated from the PILOT Special Fund to the Department of
3 Taxes for expenses related to grand list and appraisal assistance, three-fourths
4 of the excess amount shall be transferred to the Local Option Municipal
5 Transportation Special Fund established pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 306b.

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

7 § 306b. LOCAL OPTION MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL
8 FUND

9 (a) The Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund is established
10 in the Agency of Transportation and shall be managed in accordance with
11 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The purpose of the Fund is to provide
12 additional State aid for town highways pursuant to the provisions of section
13 306 of this chapter.

14 (b) The Fund shall consist of:

15 (1) transfers from the PILOT Special Fund pursuant to 32 V.S.A.
16 § 3709(c);

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

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

19 (c)(1) All interest earned on Fund balances shall be credited to the Fund.

20 (2) The Secretary may seek and accept gifts, donations, and grants from
21 any source, public or private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.

22 (3) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall anticipate
23 receipts to the Fund and shall issue warrants based on the anticipated amounts.

1 (B) Forty-four percent of the State's annual town highway
2 appropriation shall be apportioned to class 2 town highways. The
3 apportionment for each town shall be that town's percentage of class 2 town
4 highways of the total class 2 town highway mileage in the State.

5 (C) Fifty percent of the State's annual town highway appropriation
6 shall be apportioned to class 3 town highways. The apportionment for each
7 town shall be that town's percentage of class 3 town highways of the total class
8 3 town highway mileage in the State.

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

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

19 (4)(A) In addition to the amounts appropriated pursuant to subdivision
20 (1) of this subsection (a), a portion of the anticipated annual revenue of the
21 Local Option Municipal Transportation Special Fund may be appropriated for
22 class 1, 2, and 3 town highways in each State fiscal year in an amount that is
23 consistent with the provisions of subdivision 306b(c)(4) of this chapter.

1 Amounts appropriated from the Fund shall be apportioned, distributed, and
2 used in the same manner as provided pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
3 subsection (a).

4 (B) Amounts appropriated pursuant to this subdivision (4) shall be
5 supplemental to and shall not supplant or decrease the amount appropriated
6 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection (a) or be subject to the annual
7 inflationary adjustment provided for in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this
8 subsection (a).

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10 (e) State aid for town highway structures.

11 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities
12 for maintenance ~~(, including actions to extend life expectancy),~~ and for
13 construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other
14 structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the
15 integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for
16 alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure,
17 such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels
18 of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of
19 damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of
20 access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's
21 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is
22 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the
23 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 anticipated annual revenue 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 from the Fund 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

1 respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. This appropriation shall
2 increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage
3 change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous
4 fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

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

11 (5) Funds received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town
12 Highway Roadway Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion
13 of the matching requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection
14 309b(c) of this title.

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

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

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