

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

2 CONTINGENT TRANSACTIONS

3 (a) As part of the fiscal year 2026 closeout, the Department of Finance and
4 Management shall execute the requirements of 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27,
5 Sec. D.103(a)(1)(D), 32 V.S.A. § 308, and 32 V.S.A. § 308f. The Department
6 of Finance and Management shall then, notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 308c,
7 calculate the maximum number of contingent transactions that can be funded,
8 in the order provided in subsection (b) of this section, and designate that
9 money to remain unallocated for such purpose in fiscal year 2027. Any
10 residual balance remaining after such designations shall be reserved in
11 accordance with 32 V.S.A. § 308c.

12 (b) In fiscal year 2027, the following contingent transactions shall be
13 executed in the following order from the designated unallocated balance as
14 determined in subsection (a) of this section:

15 (1) \$4,773,798 is transferred to the Technology Modernization Special
16 Fund (#21951).

17 (2) \$1,000,000 is transferred to the Farm and Forestry Operations
18 Security Special Fund.

19 (3) \$5,000,000 is transferred to the Human Services Caseload Reserve.

20 (4) \$25,000,000 is reserved in the General Fund for future appropriation
21 or transfer by the General Assembly for future appropriation or transfer by the
22 General Assembly for addressing federal funding shortfalls, Vermont Medicaid

- 1 and other human services needs, property tax relief, permanent housing
- 2 initiatives, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public.

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

2 § 1913a. VERMONT STATE POLICE RADIO EQUIPMENT AND

3 FIREARM REPLACEMENT SPECIAL FUND

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

10 (b) Funds. The Fund shall consist of:

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. E.XXX DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; EQUIPMENT
2 REPLACEMENT FUNDING; FISCAL YEAR 2028 BUDGET
3 PRESENTATION

4 (a) As part of its fiscal year 2028 budget presentation, the Department of
5 Fish and Wildlife shall include information on the cost and schedule of radio
6 equipment and firearm life cycle replacement and any recommendations for
7 future funding, including the establishment of a designated special fund for
8 that purpose.

1 Sec. E.XXX PARENT CHILD CENTER NETWORK; RATE INCREASES;

2 INTENT

3 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in future fiscal years the
4 Parent Child Center Network be included in inflationary rate increases and that
5 such increases be calculated based on the Parent Child Center Network's
6 integrated block grant to all 15 parent child centers to provide the eight core
7 services required pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3701(d).

1 Sec. E.338.1 REENTRY SERVICES; GRANT

2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.338 of this act, \$85,000 General Fund

3 shall be for a grant to Jenna's Promise to support reentry services.

1 Sec. E.330 ADULT DAY PROGRAM; GRANT

2 (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.330 of this act, \$100,000 General Fund
3 shall be for a grant to support the start-up costs of a new Adult Day program in
4 Washington or Rutland counties or to support the cost of an existing Adult Day
5 program to expand its capacity to serve more individuals.

1 Sec. E.XXX MEDICAID AND SNAP NEEDS ASSESSMENT

2 (a) On or before December 15, 2026, the Departments for Children and
3 Families and Vermont Health Access shall report to the Senate Committees on
4 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare and the House Committees on
5 Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services regarding a needs
6 assessment related to the implementation of federal H.R.1 Supplemental
7 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid work requirements. The
8 assessment shall include:

9 (1) the number of individuals, and number of impacted households, who
10 have become ineligible for benefits due to federal work requirements policy
11 changes;

12 (2) a summary of the benefit loss;

13 (3) information about individuals who later regained eligibility, if
14 available; and

15 (4) an analysis of the reasons individuals are determined ineligible for
16 benefits.

17 (b) The report shall include information regarding outreach and other
18 efforts undertaken by the Departments for Children and Families and Vermont
19 Health Access to support impacted households and community partners in
20 assisting households to maintain benefits, as well as information on SNAP
21 error rates and recommendations for additional actions.

22 (c) In calendar years 2027 and 2028, the Departments for Children and
23 Families and Vermont Health Access shall, on a quarterly basis, provide an

1 update to the report required by this section to the Senate Committees on
2 Appropriations and on Health and Welfare, the House Committees on
3 Appropriations, on Health Care, and on Human Services, and the Joint Fiscal
4 Committee while the General Assembly is not in session.

1 Sec. E.XXX DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS;

2 PRIMARY CARE CASE MANAGEMENT PAYMENTS

3 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access shall establish and distribute
4 per-member, per-month primary care case management payments to primary
5 care providers in fiscal year 2027 in order to preserve access to primary care
6 services.

1 Sec. E.XXX STATE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION STUDY;

2 DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES; REPORT

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

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

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

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

1 Sec. E.700 3 V.S.A. § 2807 is amended to read:

2 § 2807. LANDS AND FACILITIES TRUST FUND

3 (a) Legislative purpose. The General Assembly finds and determines:

4 (1) The public lands, facilities, and recreational assets of Vermont
5 represent both a priceless inheritance from the past and an enduring legacy for
6 future generations.

7 (2) The lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by
8 the ~~Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation~~ Agency of Natural Resources
9 are held as public assets for the citizens of Vermont, and require proper
10 management to ensure that these natural resources and facilities remain viable
11 and available for this and all future generations.

12 (b) Definitions. As used in this section:

13 (1) ~~“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and~~
14 ~~Recreation or the Commissioner’s designee~~ “Secretary” means the Secretary of
15 Natural Resources or the Secretary’s designee.

16 (2) “Eligible activity” means any activity undertaken, initiated, or
17 supported by the ~~Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation~~ Agency of
18 Natural Resources, for State lands under the ownership of the Department of
19 Forests, Parks and Recreation, that provides for the management of ~~State~~ lands,
20 facilities, ~~and~~ recreational assets, including administrative support. “Eligible
21 activity” includes but is not limited to: repair and maintenance of State parks;
22 contract surveys and mapping; maintenance of State lands, including
23 boundaries, roads, trails, and facilities; contract inventories of State land

1 natural resources; repair of State-owned dams; ~~repair, replacement, and~~
2 ~~maintenance of conservation camps; and~~ timber management in accordance
3 with U.S.D.A. silvicultural guidelines; project management; contract
4 development and administration; and business office support. “Eligible
5 activity” does not include the acquisition of land.

6 (3) “Fund” means the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund.

7 (c) Creation and use of Fund.

8 (1) There is established in the State Treasury an income-producing fund
9 to be known as the Lands and Facilities Trust Fund, to be managed by the State
10 Treasurer, and from which expenditures shall be made by the ~~Commissioner~~
11 Secretary in accordance with appropriations by the General Assembly for the
12 benefit of lands, facilities, and recreational assets owned or managed by the
13 Agency. Payments from the Fund may be made to meet costs for eligible
14 activities ~~that are not covered in operating budgets for management of Agency~~
15 ~~lands, facilities, and recreational assets~~.

16 (2) The Fund shall be administered as part of the trust investment
17 account established in 32 V.S.A. § 434. After the first three years of the
18 Fund’s existence, on July 1 of each year, the Treasurer ~~shall~~ may distribute
19 from the Fund ~~five~~ up to eight percent of the moving average of the market
20 value of the Fund over the prior 12 quarters with the approval of the House and
21 Senate, provided that the Fund balance does not go below the prior fiscal
22 year’s ending fund balance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during the first
23 three years of the Fund’s existence, expenditures for immediate needs, not to

1 exceed five percent of the principal, may be authorized by the ~~Commissioner~~
2 Secretary, provided that such expenditures are consistent with the priorities
3 established by the ~~Commissioner~~ Secretary, pursuant to this section, and shall
4 be subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

5 (3) ~~Annual expenditures from the Fund shall be limited to projects~~
6 ~~approved by the Commissioner and shall be in accordance with appropriations~~
7 ~~of the General Assembly. Project priorities shall be determined in accordance~~
8 ~~with criteria established by the Commissioner and shall include consideration~~
9 ~~of at least the following:~~ The Secretary may make expenditures from the Fund
10 for eligible projects with a consideration towards cost; availability of funds;
11 condition of the resource, facility, or infrastructure; level of use; level of public
12 need; the stated intent of the donor, when donated property is involved; and the
13 ability to protect or enhance a public investment or public resource.

14 (4) There shall be deposited in the Fund monies received by the Agency
15 that are related to management and administrative support of Agency lands,
16 facilities, and recreational assets and that are received from a variety of public
17 and private sources pertinent to the purposes of the Fund, including donations;
18 grants; special use permits; federal funds specifically designated for uses
19 compatible with the intent of the fund; timber sale receipts received after June
20 30, 2001, from State forestland and all Agency lands otherwise not restricted;
21 and such sums as may be ~~appropriated~~ transferred to the Fund by the General
22 Assembly. The Agency may solicit and accept aid or contributions consistent
23 with the stated intent of the donor and deposited with the State Treasurer.

1 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of
3 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary
4 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(a)(11), shall not be increased during
5 fiscal year 2027 except for new positions authorized by the General Assembly
6 during the 2026 session. Limited service positions approved pursuant to
7 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

8 (b) Any new positions authorized by the General Assembly shall be created
9 on August 15, 2026, provided that the consensus revenue forecast for the
10 General Fund adopted by the Emergency Board in July 2026 is not lower than
11 the consensus revenue forecast for the General Fund adopted by the
12 Emergency Board in January 2026. Limited service positions approved
13 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to this restriction.

1 Sec. G.100 EFFECTIVE DATES

2 (a) This section and Secs. C.100, C.101, C.102, C.103, C.104, C.105,
3 E.504.2, E.504.3, and E.504.4 shall take effect on passage.

4 (b) Secs. E.307.1, E.307.2, E.307.3, and E.307.5 shall take effect on
5 October 1, 2026.

6 (c) Secs. E.307.4 and E.923 shall take effect on July 1, 2027.

7 (d) Sec. E.504.5 (16 V.S.A. § 4021(b)) shall take effect upon the
8 occurrence of the contingencies set forth in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 73,
9 Sec. 70(f).

10 (e) Secs. E.100, E.111, E.222, E.236, E.306.2, E.329.2, and E.711 shall
11 take effect on August 15, 2026, provided that the consensus revenue forecast
12 for the General Fund adopted by the Emergency Board in July 2026 is not
13 lower than the consensus revenue forecast for the General Fund adopted by the
14 Emergency Board in January 2026.

15 (f) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2026.