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Senator Ingalls moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended in Sec. 1, appropriations; Opioid Abatement Special Fund, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) In fiscal year 2027, the following sums shall be appropriated from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund established in 18 V.S.A. § 4774:

(1)(A) \$455,000.00 to the Department of Health to fund 26 outreach or case management staff positions within the preferred provider network for the provision of services that increase the motivation of and engagement with individuals with substance use disorder in settings such as police barracks, shelters, social service organizations, and elsewhere in the community.

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that these positions shall be funded annually by the Opioid Abatement Special Fund unless and until the Special Fund does not have sufficient monies to fund this expenditure.

(2)(A) \$3,550,000.00 to the Department of Health for recovery residences certified by the Vermont Alliance for Recovery Residences.

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that recovery residences be funded annually by the Opioid Abatement Special Fund unless and until the Special Fund does not have sufficient monies to fund this expenditure.

1           (3) \$1,100,000.00 to the Department of Corrections to provide peer  
2           recovery center coaches in Vermont correctional facilities and in probation and  
3           parole offices to provide group and individual coaching and reentry support,  
4           which shall not be used to cover administrative expenses.

5           (4) \$250,000.00 to the Department for Children and Families' Office of  
6           Economic Opportunity to support long-term programs at shelters for  
7           individuals experiencing homelessness, including harm-reduction supports,  
8           transportation to recovery meetings and appointments, and clinical nursing  
9           programs.

10           (5)(A) \$600,000.00 to the Department of Health for the creation of new  
11           recovery residence beds at National Alliance for Recovery Residences  
12           (NARR) certification level III or above.

13           (B) \$600,000.00 to the Department of Health for opioid use disorder  
14           residential treatment beds at American Society of Addiction Medicine level  
15           3.1.

16           (6) \$248,000.00 to the Department of Health for the Prehospital  
17           Vermont EMS Buprenorphine Treatment (PREVENT) Program to expand  
18           training for emergency service providers on carrying buprenorphine and  
19           administering buprenorphine after administering naloxone.

1           (7) \$35,000.00 to the Department of Health to subsidize room and board  
2           for individuals in Rutland Mental Health Services' transitional housing  
3           program.

4           (8) \$237,646.00 to the Department of Health for distribution to  
5           Springfield Project ACTION to support public safety enhancement team  
6           coordinator positions in Bennington, Springfield, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury,  
7           and central Vermont for the purposes of providing administrative support,  
8           meeting facilitation, data tracking, outreach event coordination, and  
9           sustainability planning.

10           (9) \$800,000.00 to the Department of Health for distribution to recovery  
11           centers.

12           (10) \$287,000.00 to the Department of Public Safety to provide funding  
13           for expanding the Public Safety Enhancement Team's harm reduction and  
14           strategic community intervention efforts.