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**Fiscal Note**

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**H.660 – An act relating to fiscal year 2027 Opioid Abatement Special Fund and Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund appropriations**

As Passed by the General Assembly<sup>1</sup>

**Bill Summary**

This bill appropriates \$7,637,646 from and reverts \$1,452,287 back to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund in fiscal year 2027 for a net impact of \$6,185,359. The bill also appropriates \$640,631 from the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund.

**Opioid Abatement Special Fund (Secs. 1 through 9)**

Sec. 1 appropriates a total of \$7,637,646 from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund in fiscal year 2027.<sup>2</sup> Unless reverted by the General Assembly, the appropriations will carry forward until fully expended.

H.660 – Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations: *Opioid Abatement Special Fund*

Sec. 1(a), Subsec.	Program Description	Appropriation	
		Dept./Agency	FY 2027 Amount
<b>Existing Ongoing Projects</b>			
(1)(A)	26 outreach or case management positions within preferred provider networks*	Health	\$455,000
(2)(A)	Recovery residences*	Health	\$1,600,000
(3)(A)	Syringe services*	Health	\$850,000
(4)	Peer recovery center coaches in correctional facilities and in probation and parole offices	Corrections	\$1,100,000
(5)	Support for recovery programs at emergency shelters	Children and Families	\$250,000

\* The bill states intent to fund this program annually until the Fund does not have sufficient monies.

<sup>1</sup> The Joint Fiscal Office (JFO) is a nonpartisan legislative office dedicated to producing unbiased fiscal analysis – this fiscal note is meant to provide information for legislative consideration, not to provide policy recommendations. The full fiscal note history is available on the fiscal tab of the bill page on the General Assembly website and can be pulled up through a bill number search on the JFO page.

<sup>2</sup> The Opioid Abatement Special Fund was established in [18 V.S.A. § 4774](#).

Proposed New Funding			
(6)(A)	New treatment beds at American Society of Addiction Medicine level 3.1 and the creation of new recovery beds National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) level III or higher	Health	\$1,200,000
(7)	Prehospital Vermont EMS Buprenorphine Treatment (PREVENT) Program to expand training for emergency service providers on carrying and administering buprenorphine	Health	\$248,000
(8)	Subsidize room and board for individuals in Rutland Mental Health Services' transitional housing program	Health	\$35,000
(9)	Springfield Project ACTION to support public safety enhancement team coordinator positions in Bennington, Springfield, Brattleboro, St. Johnsbury, and central Vermont	Health	\$237,646
(10)	Recovery Centers	Health	\$500,000
(11)	Expansion of the Public Safety Enhancement Team's harm reduction and strategic community intervention efforts	Public Safety	\$287,000
(12)	Specialized employment services to individuals with opioid use disorder through HireAbility Vermont	Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living	\$875,000
<b>TOTAL FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>\$7,637,646</b>

Sec. 2 states the intent of the General Assembly to consider the operational status and funding needs of the Burlington overdose prevention center (OPC) during the fiscal year 2027 budget adjustment process as well intent to appropriate up to \$1,100,000 to the Department of Health for the purpose of awarding a grant to the City of Burlington for the work of the OPC if a site has been secured, is being fit up for its intended use, and the is currently or will imminently become operational. The bill also states the intent of the General Assembly for the continue funding for the OPC from the Fund through at least fiscal year 2028.

Sec. 3 states the intent of the General Assembly to fund HireAbility using General Fund monies, rather than Opioid Abatement Special Fund monies, in fiscal year 2028 and thereafter.

Sec. 5 requires each ongoing funding proposal considered by the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee to include a sustainability plan from the applicant to ensure consideration of future expenses and available resources apart from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund.

Sec. 7 directs the Advisory Committee to not accept any new funding proposals for fiscal year 2028, unless a proposal was previously identified in statute as intended for annual funding. Instead, the Advisory Committee would review the outcomes of programs and initiatives previously funded to assess the effectiveness, long-term sustainability, and appropriateness of the Fund as a funding source.

Sec. 8 requires the Department of Health to submit to the General Assembly quarterly reports regarding expenditures from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund, identify funds that remain unobligated, unspent, or both, and an explanation of why the funds have not been fully distributed.

Sec. 9 reverts \$1,452,287 to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund as shown in the following chart.

**H.660 – Fiscal Year 2027 Reversions: Opioid Abatement Special Fund**

Sec.	Reversions	Act	
9	Expansion of satellite locations for treatment services	Act 22 (2023) as amended by Act 113 (2024)	(\$444,000)
9	Wound care telehealth consultation pilot program	Act 22 (2023)	(\$8,287)
9	Substance use disorder stabilization beds	Act 113 (2024)	(\$1,000,000)
<b>TOTAL FY 2027 REVERSIONS</b>			<b>(\$1,452,287)</b>

In summary, the bill appropriates \$7,637,646 from and reverts \$1,452,287 back to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund for a net impact of \$6,185,359.

**Opioid Abatement Special Fund Balance and Future Allocations**

The estimated unappropriated balance of the Fund as of February 11, 2026, was approximately \$11.8 million. Based on this, the estimated Fund balance, not taking into consideration any future allocations (as listed in the chart below), would be approximately \$5.3 million. The following chart shows the estimated allocations to the Fund based on all current settlements, except for the Sackler/Purdue settlement, which has yet to be finalized.

Estimated Allocations to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund, 2025 - 2037 (in millions)					
Year	Allocation	Year	Allocation	Year	Allocation
2025	\$4.58	2030	\$4.46	2035	\$1.10
2026	\$4.45	2031	\$4.10	2036	\$0.63
2027	\$4.10	2032	\$4.10	2037	\$0.63
2028	\$4.76	2033	\$2.96		
2029	\$4.78	2034	\$1.10		

**Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (Secs. 11 and 12)**

Sec.11 appropriates \$640,641 from the Substance Misuse Special Fund. According to the Department of Health, there should be enough money in the Fund to cover these costs in fiscal year 2027.

**H.660 – Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations: Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund**

Sec. 11, Subsec.	Description	Appropriation	
		Dept./Agency	FY 2027 Amount
1	Elevate Youth Services to support the creation of a low-barrier, drop-in teen center in Barre	Health	\$288,935
2	Greater Falls Connections	Health	\$124,999
3	Interaction: Friends for Change	Health	\$200,000
4	Winooski Partnership for Prevention	Health	\$26,697
<b>TOTAL FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>\$640,631</b>

Sec. 12 requires the Department of Health, as part of its annual budget presentation, to report to the committees of jurisdiction on its specific spending proposal from the Substance Misuse Special Fund for the coming year. The report will also include an estimate on how much of the Fund balance would be anticipated to remain unallocated at the end of the fiscal year.