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## Fiscal Note

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### **H.660 – An act relating to fiscal year 2027 Opioid Abatement Special Fund appropriations**

As recommended by the House Committee on Appropriations, Draft 2.1<sup>1</sup>

#### **Bill Summary**

**T**his bill would appropriate \$6,616,277 from and revert \$1,452,287 back to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund for fiscal year 2027.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Section 1 would appropriate a total of \$6,616,277 from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund in fiscal year 2027.<sup>2</sup> Unless reverted by the General Assembly, the appropriations would carry forward until fully expended.

Sec. 5 reverts \$1,452,287 to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund, making the net impact of the bill to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund \$5,163,990. The table on the following page provides a summary of all appropriations and reversions in the bill.

Sec. 3 would require 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. 4 would require the Department of Health to review all previous appropriations from the Fund and make recommendations to the Advisory Committee and the committees of jurisdictions on which appropriations could be funded in future years by the Substance Abuse Prevention Special Fund.<sup>3</sup>

Sec. 4 would also direct 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.

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

<sup>3</sup> [18 V.S.A. 4812](#)

**H.660 – Fiscal Year 2027 Appropriations and Reversions:  
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
<b>Proposed New Funding</b>			
(6)(A)	New recovery beds at National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) level III or higher	Health	\$900,000
(6)(B)	New recovery beds at NARR-certified recovery resident beds in Brattleboro, Middlebury, Addison, Randolph, Chester, St. Albans, or any other identified region of the state.	Health	\$300,000
(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)	Elevate Youth Services to support the creation of a low-barrier, drop-in teen center in Barre.	Health	\$288,935
(11)	Greater Falls Connections	Health	\$124,999
(12)	Interaction: Friends for Change	Health	\$200,000
(13)	Winooski Partnership for Prevention	Health	\$26,697
<b>Sec.</b>	<b>Reversions</b>	<b>Act</b>	
5	Expansion of satellite locations for treatment services	Act 22 (2023) as amended by Act 113 (2024)	(\$444,000)
5	Wound care telehealth consultation pilot program	Act 22 (2023)	(\$8,287)
5	Substance use disorder stabilization beds	Act 113 (2024)	(\$1,000,000)
<b>TOTAL FY 2027 REVERSIONS</b>			<b>(\$1,452,287)</b>
<b>TOTAL FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>\$6,616,277</b>
<b>NET IMPACT</b>			<b>\$5,163,990</b>

*\*It is the intent of the General Assembly this program initiative be funded annually by the Opioid Abatement Special Fund unless and until the special fund does not have sufficient monies to fund this expenditure.*

**Fund balance and Future Allocations**

The estimated unappropriated balance of the Fund as of February 11, 2026, was approximately \$11.8 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 <sup>4</sup> (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		

<sup>4</sup> Allocation estimates are from the Attorney General’s Office. These estimates are subject to change as more information becomes available. These estimates do not include the Sackler/Purdue settlement.