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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 Human Services, Draft 6.1¹

Bill Summary

This bill would appropriate \$5,975,646 from and revert \$1,452,287 back to the Opioid Abatement Special Fund for fiscal year 2027. The bill would also appropriate \$640,631 from the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund. Finally, the bill would be renamed “An act relating to fiscal year 2027 Opioid Abatement Special Fund and Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund appropriations” upon passage.

Secs. 1–4 – Opioid Abatement Special Fund Appropriations and Reversions

Below is a summary of proposed appropriations and reversions from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund.²

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

Sec. 1, Subsec.	Program Description	Appropriation	
		Dept./Agency	FY 2027 Amount
Existing Ongoing Projects			
(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
Proposed New Funding			
(6)(a)	New recovery beds at National Alliance for Recovery Residences (NARR) level III or higher	Health	\$900,000

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

(6)(b)	New recovery beds at NARR-certified recovery resident beds in Brattleboro, Middlebury, Addison, Randolph, Chester, St. Albans, or another 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
Sec.	Reversions	Act	
2	Expansion of satellite locations for treatment services	Act 22 (2023) as amended by Act 113 (2024)	(\$444,000)
3	Wound care telehealth consultation pilot program	Act 22 (2023)	(\$8,287)
4	Substance use disorder stabilization beds	Act 113 (2024)	(\$1,000,000)
TOTAL FY 2027 REVERSIONS			(\$1,452,287)
TOTAL FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS			\$5,975,646
NET IMPACT			\$4,523,359

**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 does not have sufficient monies to fund this expenditure.*

The bill would also direct the Opioid Settlement Advisory Council to not accept any new proposals for funding from the Opioid Abatement Special Fund for fiscal year 2028, unless a proposal was previously identified in statute as intended for annual funding.

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 Opioid Abatement Special 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 ³ (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		

³ 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.

Sec. 7 – Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund Appropriations

Below is a summary of proposed appropriations from the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund.⁴

Sec. 7, Subsec.	Description	Appropriation	
		Dept./Agency	FY 2027 Amount
(1)	Elevate Youth Services	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
TOTAL FY 2027 APPROPRIATIONS			\$640,631

A review of the Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund operating statement indicates that between H.790 – an act relating to fiscal year 2027 budget adjustments, as passed by the Senate (on February 17, 2026), and the base appropriations from the Fund in the Governor’s fiscal 2027 budget recommendation, there may not be sufficient funds available for these appropriations.

Fiscal Summary

H.660: Fiscal Impact Summary	
Opioid Abatement Special Fund (net)	\$4,523,359
Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund	\$640,631
TOTAL	\$5,163,990

ⁱ 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.

⁴ The Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund was established in 18 V.S.A. § 4812.