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2 An act relating to making appropriations for the support of government

3 The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after

4 the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 Sec. A.100 SHORT TITLE

6 This bill may be referred to as the BIG BILL – Fiscal Year 2023

7 Appropriations Act.

8 Sec. A.101 PURPOSE

9 (a) The purpose of this act is to provide appropriations for the operations of

10 State government during fiscal year 2023. It is the express intent of the

11 General Assembly that activities of the various agencies, departments,

12 divisions, boards, and commissions be limited to those that can be supported

13 by funds appropriated in this act or other acts passed prior to June 30, 2022.

14 Agency and department heads are directed to implement staffing and service

15 levels at the beginning of fiscal year 2023 to meet this condition unless

16 otherwise directed by specific language in this act or other acts of the General

17 Assembly.

18 Sec. A.102 APPROPRIATIONS

19 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this act serves as the

20 primary source and reference for appropriations for fiscal year 2023.

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1       (b) The sums herein stated are appropriated for the purposes specified in  
2 the following sections of this act. When no time is expressly stated during  
3 which any of the appropriations are to continue, the appropriations are single-  
4 year appropriations and only for the purpose indicated and shall be paid from  
5 funds shown as the source of funds. If in this act there is an error in either  
6 addition or subtraction, the totals shall be adjusted accordingly. Apparent  
7 errors in referring to section numbers of statutory titles within this act may be  
8 disregarded by the Commissioner of Finance and Management.

9       (c) Unless codified or otherwise specified, all narrative portions of this act  
10 apply only to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2023.

## 11 Sec. A.103 DEFINITIONS

12       (a) As used in this act:

13           (1) “Encumbrances” means a portion of an appropriation reserved for  
14 the subsequent payment of existing purchase orders or contracts. The  
15 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall make final decisions on the  
16 appropriateness of encumbrances.

17           (2) “Grants” means subsidies, aid, or payments to local governments, to  
18 community and quasi-public agencies for providing local services, and to  
19 persons who are not wards of the State for services or supplies and means cash  
20 or other direct assistance, including pension contributions.

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1           (3) “Operating expenses” means property management; repair and  
2 maintenance; rental expenses; insurance; postage; travel; energy and utilities;  
3 office and other supplies; equipment, including motor vehicles, highway  
4 materials, and construction; expenditures for the purchase of land and  
5 construction of new buildings and permanent improvements; and similar items.

6           (4) “Personal services” means wages and salaries, fringe benefits, per  
7 diems, contracted third-party services, and similar items.

## 8 Sec. A.104 RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING LAWS

9           (a) Except as specifically provided, this act shall not be construed in any  
10 way to negate or impair the full force and effect of existing laws.

## 11 Sec. A.105 OFFSETTING APPROPRIATIONS

12           (a) In the absence of specific provisions to the contrary in this act, when  
13 total appropriations are offset by estimated receipts, the State appropriations  
14 shall control, notwithstanding receipts being greater or less than anticipated.

## 15 Sec. A.106 FEDERAL FUNDS

16           (a) In fiscal year 2023, the Governor, with the approval of the General  
17 Assembly or the Joint Fiscal Committee if the General Assembly is not in  
18 session, may accept federal funds available to the State of Vermont, including  
19 block grants in lieu of or in addition to funds herein designated as federal. The  
20 Governor, with the approval of the General Assembly or the Joint Fiscal  
21 Committee if the General Assembly is not in session, may allocate all or any

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1 portion of such federal funds for any purpose consistent with the purposes for  
2 which the basic appropriations in this act have been made.

3 (b) If, during fiscal year 2023, federal funds available to the State of  
4 Vermont and designated as federal in this and other acts of the 2022 session of  
5 the Vermont General Assembly are converted into block grants or are  
6 abolished under their current title in federal law and reestablished under a new  
7 title in federal law, the Governor may continue to accept such federal funds for  
8 any purpose consistent with the purposes for which the federal funds were  
9 appropriated. The Governor may spend such funds for such purposes for not  
10 more than 45 days prior to Legislative or Joint Fiscal Committee approval.  
11 Notice shall be given to the Joint Fiscal Committee without delay if the  
12 Governor intends to use the authority granted by this section, and the Joint  
13 Fiscal Committee shall meet in an expedited manner to review the Governor's  
14 request for approval.

15 Sec. A.107 NEW POSITIONS

16 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the total number of  
17 authorized State positions, both classified and exempt, excluding temporary  
18 positions as defined in 3 V.S.A. § 311(11), shall not be increased during fiscal  
19 year 2023 except for new positions authorized by the 2022 session. Limited-  
20 service positions approved pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5 shall not be subject to  
21 this restriction.

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1 Sec. A.108 LEGEND

2 (a) The bill is organized by functions of government. The sections between  
3 B.100 and B.9999 contain appropriations of funds for the upcoming budget  
4 year. The sections between E.100 and E.9999 contain language that relates to  
5 specific appropriations or government functions, or both. The function areas  
6 by section numbers are as follows:

7 <u>B.100–B.199 and E.100–E.199</u>	<u>General Government</u>
8 <u>B.200–B.299 and E.200–E.299</u>	<u>Protection to Persons and Property</u>
9 <u>B.300–B.399 and E.300–E.399</u>	<u>Human Services</u>
10 <u>B.400–B.499 and E.400–E.499</u>	<u>Labor</u>
11 <u>B.500–B.599 and E.500–E.599</u>	<u>General Education</u>
12 <u>B.600–B.699 and E.600–E.699</u>	<u>Higher Education</u>
13 <u>B.700–B.799 and E.700–E.799</u>	<u>Natural Resources</u>
14 <u>B.800–B.899 and E.800–E.899</u>	<u>Commerce and Community</u>
15	<u>Development</u>
16 <u>B.900–B.999 and E.900–E.999</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
17 <u>B.1000–B.1099 and E.1000–E.1099</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>
18 <u>B.1100–B.1199 and E.1100–E.1199</u>	<u>One-time and other appropriation</u>
19	<u>actions</u>

20 (b) The C sections contain amendments to the current fiscal year, the D  
21 sections contain fund transfers and reserve allocations for the upcoming budget

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1 year, the F sections contain Pay Act appropriations, and the G sections contain  
2 provisions relating to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No 117-  
3 2 (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund expenditures and other  
4 related funding.

5 **NUMBERS SECTION GOES HERE**

6 Sec. B.1100 FISCAL YEAR 2023 ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND

7 APPROPRIATIONS

8 (a) In fiscal year 2023, funds are appropriated from the General Fund for  
9 new and ongoing initiatives as follows:

10 (1) \$220,000 to the Agency of Administration for the Inclusion,  
11 Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership (IDEAL) VT initiative to support  
12 municipalities in promoting these values within their communities.

13 (2) \$37,000 to the Ethics Commission to support the cost of one half-  
14 time position.

15 (3) \$205,000 to the Sergeant at Arms to support the costs associated  
16 with transitioning positions in the Capitol Police Department.

17 ~~(4) \$75,000 to the General Assembly to provide funding for the Pension~~  
18 ~~Oversight Committee to assist the Vermont Pension Investment Committee~~  
19 ~~(VPIC) analysis of the decarbonization of investments. Funds may be~~  
20 ~~transferred to VPIC if the Pension Oversight Committee determines it~~  
21 ~~necessary to accomplish the analysis.~~

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1           (4) \$120,000 to the Judiciary for Sustaining Language Access Program  
2 improvements.

3           (5) \$1,283,400 to the Office of the Defender General to support costs  
4 associated with the reopening of the courts.

5           (6) \$700,000 to the Secretary of State as follows:

6                   (A) \$450,000 for election support.

7                   (B) \$250,000 to support operational expenditures not covered by  
8 revenue resulting from telehealth.

9           (7) ~~\$2,010,000~~ 2,260,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and  
10 Markets, as follows:

11                   (A) \$1,000,000 for the development of an agricultural Payment for  
12 Ecosystems Services Program to support the work of the Payment for  
13 Ecosystem Services and Soil Health Working Group (PES WG) – as  
14 authorized by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 83, amended by 2020 Acts and  
15 Resolves No. 129 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 47 – to enable Payment for  
16 Ecosystem Services Program development to retain facilitation services,  
17 contract identified research needs, fund pilot program development, and  
18 deliver payments to farmers for quantified ecosystem services.

19                   (B) \$200,000 to grant as a single source contract to an eligible entity  
20 to administer these funds fund programs to assist individuals with low-income  
21 to access local, fresh, or whole food at farmers’ markets and through

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1 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares. This one-time appropriation  
2 will respond to the record demand in these fresh food access programs due to  
3 increased food insecurity experienced by Vermonters during the pandemic.

4 The Agency shall allow a primary care health provider to apply on behalf of up  
5 to 20 patients for whom CSA shares have been recommended for improved  
6 health.

7 (C) \$420,000 for the purchase of laboratory equipment to test for per-  
8 and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in drinking water to support public  
9 health testing requirements of the Agencies of Natural Resources,  
10 Transportation and Agriculture, Food and Markets.

11 (D) \$90,000 for grants to State fairs and field days organizations.

12 (E) \$300,000 of which \$200,000 is to establish a grant program for  
13 organic milk farmers that are transitioning to a new buyer to assist with the  
14 costs of modifications needed to accommodate the new buyer and \$100,000 to  
15 the Produce Safety Improvement grant program.

16 (F) \$150,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to  
17 contract with an eligible consultant for the development of a State Food  
18 Security Action Plan that will include a strategy to improve the resilience of  
19 the statewide food system in order to better meet the food needs of citizens of  
20 Vermont during times of disruption to the national food distribution chain  
21 caused by emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic.



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1           (8) \$1,512,636 to the Center for Crime Victims Services as follows:

2           (A) \$660,000 to replace shortfall in special fund revenue relating to  
3 finances and fees from the courts and traffic tickets.

4           (B) \$519,600 to replace declining federal Victims of Crime Act  
5 (VOCA) funds.

6           (C) \$308,036 for a grant to the Vermont Network Against Domestic  
7 and Sexual Violence.

8           (D) \$25,000 for a grant to support the Kurn Hattin Survivors Support  
9 Group.

10          (9) \$150,000 to the Criminal Justice Council for the following:

11          (A) \$100,000 for an incident simulator to enable de-escalation  
12 training.

13          (B) \$50,000 for the development of a new entrance exam.

14          (10) \$8,000,000 to the Department of Public Safety- Emergency  
15 Management to provide state match for FEMA funds to purchase properties  
16 identified for high flood risk.

17          (11) \$1,180,000 to the Department for Children and Families for the  
18 following:

19          (A) \$50,000 for a grant to the Vermont Donor Milk Center for  
20 statewide activities.

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1           (B) \$750,000 to the Parent Child Centers for upgrades to facilities,  
2 systems, or new equipment.

3           (C) \$180,000 to be granted to the Vermont Food Bank for statewide  
4 provision of diapers to families in need.

5           (D) \$200,000 to be granted to the five youth service provider  
6 organizations (Youth Services Inc., St Johnsbury Area Youth Services Bureau,  
7 Washington County Youth Services Bureau, Windsor County Youth Services,  
8 Spectrum Youth & Family Services) that currently have contracts with the  
9 Department of Health and the Department for Children and Families. Each  
10 organization shall receive a grant of \$20,000 and the remaining funds shall be  
11 granted to each organization in an equitable manner after consultation with the  
12 organizations and consideration of the scope of services by each organization.

13           ~~(13) \$3,370,250 to the Department of Health, Office of Alcohol and~~  
14 ~~Drug Abuse Programs for the following:~~

15           ~~(A) \$3,000,000 for a grant to the Substance Misuse Prevention~~  
16 ~~Coalitions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that this funding for the~~  
17 ~~coalitions be continued with funds from cannabis revenues or opioid settlement~~  
18 ~~funds, or both.~~

19           ~~(B) \$100,000 for Mobile Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).~~

20           ~~(C) \$270,250 that shall be transferred to the Department of~~  
21 ~~Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living—Vocational Rehabilitation, to~~

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1 ~~establish one new employment center to provide services to clients of~~  
2 ~~Recovery Centers. It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the~~  
3 ~~new employment center be continued with funds from cannabis revenues or~~  
4 ~~opioid settlement funds, or both.~~

5 (12) \$3,645,250 for Substance Use Disorder Prevention Investments  
6 within the Agency of Human Services as follows:

7 (A) \$3,000,000 to the Department of Health, Office of Alcohol and  
8 Drug Abuse Programs for a grant to the substance Misuse Prevention  
9 Coalitions. The Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) shall  
10 require that, as part of the grant agreement with the Substance Misuse  
11 Prevention Coalitions, information on the use of the funds including the  
12 specific activities supported by the funds, a description of the number of  
13 people served, and information on the outcomes achieved by this investment  
14 be provided to ADAP in an agreed upon time frame. The ADAP shall report to  
15 the House and Senate committees on Appropriations, the House committee on  
16 Human Services, and the Senate committee on Health and Welfare on or  
17 before January 10, 2023.

18 (i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that funding for the  
19 Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions be funded with one-time general  
20 funds until funds from the cannabis excise tax revenues pursuant to 32 V.S.A.  
21 § 7909 become available.

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1           (B) \$100,000 to the Department of Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug  
2 Abuse Programs for a grant to the Jenna’s House program, the grant is in  
3 addition to \$400,000 of base funding provided in Sec. B. 313 of this act.

4           (C) \$50,000 to the Department of Health – Public Health, for a grant to  
5 the University of Vermont’s Comprehensive Care Clinic for HIV/AIDS for  
6 increased mental health counseling.

7           (D) \$345,250 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and  
8 Independent Living – Vocational Rehabilitation to fund two year Employment  
9 Assistance Center pilot programs to serve Recovery Center clients:

10           (i) \$270,250 shall be to establish a two year pilot program in  
11 collaboration with the Burlington Recovery Center. Funds may be granted to  
12 the Vermont Association of Business Industry and Rehabilitation to fund a  
13 dedicated employment consultant position for this pilot program. The division  
14 of Vocational Rehabilitation is authorized to establishe two limited service  
15 positions for this pilot program; one employment counselor and one  
16 employment assistance staff position which is anticipated to be half time.

17           (ii) \$75,000.00 to establish a second pilot program at one of the other  
18 recovery centers in the State. The division of Vocational Rehabilitation is  
19 authorized to establishe one limited service employment counselor position for  
20 this pilot.

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1           (iii) On or before January 10, 2024, the Division of Vocational  
2 Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the Vermont Association of Business  
3 Industry and Rehabilitation, shall submit a report to the House Committees on  
4 Commerce and Economic Development, Appropriations, and Human Services  
5 and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Appropriations,  
6 Housing and General Affairs, and on Health and Welfare summarizing the  
7 effectiveness of the pilot programs, including:

8                   (1) educational attainment and achievement of program  
9           recipients;

10                   (2) acquisition of a credential of value pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §  
11           546;

12                   (3) number of job placements; and

13                   (4) job retention rates.

14           (E) \$150,000 to the Department of Health’s Division of Alcohol and  
15 Drug Abuse Programs to award a grant to a **Burlington/Chittenden county-**  
16 **based** organization providing substance use treatment counseling or substance  
17 use recovery support, or both, for individuals within and transitioning out of  
18 the criminal justice system. The Division shall award grants based on an  
19 applicant’s ability to accomplish the following:

20                   (i) provide justice-involved individuals with direct substance use  
21 support services while incarcerated, such as through alcohol and drug abuse

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1 counselors licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 62 or certified recovery  
2 coaches, or both;

3 (ii) support justice-involved individuals in their transition out of  
4 incarceration, such as through warm handoffs to existing statewide resources  
5 for substance use treatment or recovery; or

6 (iii) provide long-term support for justice-involved individuals, such as  
7 by coordinating peer support services or ongoing counseling post  
8 incarceration.

9 (13) \$1,215,860 to the Agency of Education as follows:

10 (A) \$500,000 for Child Nutrition Grants to school districts to  
11 purchase local foods.

12 (B) \$15,860 to the Vermont Ethnic and Social Equity Standards  
13 Advisory Working Group to cover per diem and reimbursement of expenses.

14 (C) \$700,000 to Adult Education and Literacy to provide grants to  
15 the Adult Learning Centers.

16 (14) \$67,000 to the Attorney General for the Court Diversion program  
17 to replace special fund shortfall.

18 (15) \$573,000 to the Agency of Natural Resources for the following:

19 (A) \$75,000 to the Central Office for contractual support to complete  
20 work associated with implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act of  
21 2020.

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1           (B) \$250,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation to  
2 complete statewide wetland mapping updates and to update the Vermont  
3 Significant Wetland Inventory maps.

4           (C) \$248,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for a  
5 grant to the Conservation Districts for equipment and capital improvements.

6           (16) \$130,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
7 Development for a grant to the Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports program.

8           (17) \$500,000 to the Agency of Human Services, Central Office for the  
9 Vermont Refugee Resettlement program to provide ~~assistanee~~ aid to refugees  
10 from Afghanistan.

11           (18) \$1,500,000 to the Department of Disabilities, Aging, and  
12 Independent Living (DAIL) to be used for grants to adult day service providers  
13 to support operating costs and program infrastructure. The funds shall be  
14 allocated on a equitable basis per a methodolgy developed by DAIL. On or  
15 before the first day of each quarter of fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022, October 1,  
16 2022, January 1, 2023, and April 1, 2023), the Vermont Association of Adult  
17 Day Services shall provide a spreadsheet to the Department detailing quarterly  
18 expenditures versus the annual budget. DAIL shall work with community  
19 partners to seek organizations interested in opening an adult day center in the  
20 underserved regions where adult day centers closed during the COVID-19  
21 pandemic. Up to \$50,000 of these funds may be used to support the start-up

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1 costs of a new adult day center. Any amount of this appropriation remaining at  
2 the end of fiscal year 2023 shall be carried forward and shall be used to support  
3 operating costs, and program infrastructure.

4 (19) \$250,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community  
5 Development for a grant to the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to  
6 provide technical assistance to towns related to seeking or expending federal  
7 funds.

8 (20) \$267,364 to the Department of Taxes for appraisal and litigation  
9 costs associated with the Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Dam.

10 (21) \$600,000 to the Department of Public Service for Public Access,  
11 Education, and Government Media to fund the 24 media centers.

12 (22) \$450,000 to the Vermont Historical Society for HVAC systems.

13 (23) \$50,000 to the Department of Buildings and General Services to be  
14 granted to the Mount Ascutney Regional Commission to hire a consultant to  
15 facilitate community discussions on the use of the former Southeast State  
16 Correctional Facility property in Windsor to enable work, education, and  
17 health monitoring; to create base maps; and to conduct a legal analysis.

18 (b) \$11,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
19 of Public Safety for regional dispatch funding. The funds are subject to the  
20 following conditions:



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1       (1) \$4,500,000 shall be held in reserve until the report required by Sec.  
2 E.209.1 of this act is submitted and further approval to expend this fund is  
3 granted by the General Assembly.

4       (2) \$6,500,000 to provide grants to regional dispatch facilities upon  
5 approval of the Joint Fiscal Committee subsequent to review of a Regional  
6 Dispatch Facility grant plan submitted by the Commissioner of Public the plan  
7 shall include the extent to which federal funding sources may be available for  
8 regional dispatch.

9       ~~Up to \$6,500,000 of this appropriation may be used to provide grants for~~  
10 ~~establishing new regional dispatch facilities and grants to existing regional~~  
11 ~~dispatch facilities. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall report to the Joint~~  
12 ~~Fiscal Committee in September and November 2022 on the status of grants~~  
13 ~~made under this provision. The remaining amount shall be held in reserve~~  
14 ~~until further approval by the General Assembly is provided subsequent to the~~  
15 ~~report required by Sec. E.209.1 of this act.~~

16       ~~(e) The following General Fund appropriations are to provide transition~~  
17 ~~funding in fiscal year 2023 for changes to State Employees and Teachers~~  
18 ~~Pensions systems and prefunding of other post-employment benefits.~~

19       ~~(1) State Employees fiscal year 2023 transitional employer contribution.~~  
20 ~~\$10,000,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Agency of~~  
21 ~~Administration for State Employees fiscal year 2023 transitional employer~~

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1 contribution to be distributed ~~distribution~~ as needed to departments and  
2 agencies if approved by the Commissioner of Finance and Management to  
3 fund the fiscal year 2023 payroll assessment necessary to meet the State-  
4 employees' pension and other post-employment benefits resulting from any  
5 changes to these programs enacted in the 2022 legislative session. The  
6 Commissioner shall report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its November 2022  
7 meeting on the status of this appropriation.

8 ~~(2) Teachers' other post-employment benefits. \$5,500,000 is~~  
9 ~~appropriated to the Retired Teachers' Health and Medical Benefits Fund,~~  
10 ~~established in 16 V.S.A. § 1944b to meet the fiscal year 2023 Actuarial~~  
11 ~~Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) consistent with system~~  
12 ~~prefunding changes enacted in the 2022 legislative session.~~

13 \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2022 Adjustments, Appropriations, and Amendments \* \* \*

14 Sec. C.100 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. D.101(b)(2) is amended to  
15 read:

16 (b)(2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion  
17 of unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds  
18 to the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall  
19 report to the Joint Fiscal Committee at is July meeting the final amounts  
20 transferred from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the

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1 agency, office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory  
2 requirements.

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4 62100 Unclaimed Property Fund \$3,027,750.00 \$4,106,300.00

5 Sec. C.101 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.602.2 is amended to read:

6 Sec. E.602.2 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

7 (a) The Vermont State College (VSC) system shall transform itself into a  
8 fully integrated system that achieves financial stability in a responsible and  
9 sustainable way in order to meet each of these strategic priorities:

10 (1) Affordability. Ensure that student costs and debt obligations are not  
11 barriers to student access.

12 (2) Accessibility. Ensure that each VSC student, regardless of where the  
13 student’s home campus is located, has increased access to academic  
14 opportunities, majors and courses across the statewide system.

15 (3) Equitability. Determine the extent to which gaps in educational  
16 access and success are being reduced for students from economically deprived  
17 backgrounds, first-generation students, students of color, and other  
18 marginalized groups.

19 ~~(3)~~(4) Relevance.

20 (A) Ensure that each VSC student is prepared for a lifelong career  
21 and personal success in the globally competitive 21st century.

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1 (B) Ensure that VSC offers educational programs that are:

2 (i) aligned with State workforce needs;

3 (ii) offered in a fiscally responsible manner; and

4 (iii) delivered in a manner that is relevant to current student and  
5 employer needs.

6 (b) VSC shall meet the following requirements during the transformation of  
7 its system required under subsection (a) of this section and shall accommodate  
8 the oversight of the General Assembly in so doing.

9 (1) VSC shall reduce its structural deficit by \$5,000,000.00 per year ~~for~~  
10 ~~five years~~ through a combination of annual operating expense reductions and  
11 increased enrollment revenues, for a total of \$25,000,000.00 by the end of  
12 fiscal year 2026. These reductions shall be structural in nature and shall not be  
13 met by use of one-time funds. The VSC Board of Trustees, through the  
14 Chancellor or designee, shall report the results of these structural reductions to  
15 the House and Senate Committees on Education and on Appropriations  
16 annually during the Chancellor's budget presentation.

17 (2) The VSC Board of Trustees shall develop and implement a 10-year  
18 strategic plan for managing its physical assets that is fiscally sustainable,  
19 maintains reasonable net asset value, and meets the needs of Vermont learners.  
20 ~~On or before March 1, 2022, the Chancellor shall present this Board approved~~  
21 ~~plan~~ Updates to the plan and an annual report on its implementation shall be

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1 presented to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the  
2 Senate Committee on Institutions.

3 (3) VSC shall maintain its present campus locations as educational and  
4 student-support centers, recognizing that overall campus size, governance and  
5 operational structures as well as program and service offerings may change as  
6 circumstances require.

7 (4) Beginning in fiscal year 2022 and through 2031, the VSC Board of  
8 Trustees, acting through the Chancellor or designee, shall brief, as part of the  
9 Chancellor’s annual budget proposal, the House and Senate Committees on  
10 Education and Committees on Appropriations:

11 (A) enrollment levels in courses offered by VSC, reported on the  
12 basis of courses with fewer than five students, courses with five to nine  
13 students, courses with 10 to 14 students, and courses with 15 or more students,  
14 along with relevant information about these enrollment data;

15 (B) in order to demonstrate accessibility, the percentage of courses  
16 and programs offered by VSC on a statewide basis and on the formats in which  
17 they are offered;

18 (C) an assessment of affordability and accessibility within VSC and  
19 recommendations on how to improve them;

20 (D) retention statistics with corresponding trend lines and  
21 benchmarks;

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1 (E) enrollment statistics with methods of comparison using readily  
2 available metrics that pertain to the student enrollment efforts authorized by  
3 the current fiscal year 2022 Vermont budget bill with the net student revenue  
4 generated and discount rate applied in order to enroll the students, aggregated  
5 by cohort; and

6 \* \* \*

7 **Sec. C.102** 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 53 is amended to read

8 Sec. 53. FISCAL YEAR 2022 UNALLOCATED RESERVE

9 (a) After satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308, and after other  
10 reserve requirements have been met, but prior to satisfying the requirements of  
11 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the first \$86,000,000 of remaining unreserved and  
12 undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall remain in the General  
13 Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2023. These funds may be used to  
14 provide state match to the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

15 (b) After meeting the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, but  
16 prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the remaining  
17 unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022 shall be  
18 allocated to the extent available as follows:

19 (1) \$850,000 shall be transferred to the to the Cannabis Regulation Fund  
20 (21998).

21 (2) \$1,700,000 to the State Liability Self-Insurance Fund (56200).

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1           (3) ~~\$1,877,092~~ \$1,900,000 to the Correctional Industries Internal  
2 Services Fund (59100).

3           (4) ~~\$9,961,531~~ \$10,000,000 to the Agency of Human Services-Central  
4 Office-Global Commitment to offset one-time pressure related to the  
5 suspension of Medicaid eligibility redeterminations for fiscal year 2023. This  
6 appropriation is made to the extent the Global Commitment fiscal need is  
7 identified after analysis of the impact of continued enhanced pandemic related  
8 Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) in tandem with the updated  
9 analysis on the fiscal impact related to caseload redetermination and cost per  
10 member per month. The Agency of Human Services, in consultation with the  
11 Joint Fiscal Office and the Department of Finance and Management shall  
12 provide this analysis as part of the Medicaid end-of-year report provided the  
13 Emergency Board in July 2022.

14           (5) \$25,000,000 is ~~reserved and~~ carried forward into fiscal year 2023 to  
15 improve the debt position of the State. ~~This may include the redemption of~~  
16 ~~general obligation bonds, reducing the amount of new debt to be issued or to~~  
17 ~~address negative internal fund balances. To the extent funds are available they~~  
18 ~~shall be applied and shall be allocated as follows:~~

19                     (A) \$5,000,000 shall be transferred to the Property Management  
20 Fund (58700) established by 29 V.S.A. § 160.

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1           (B) \$20,000,000 shall be appropriated to the State Treasurer’s Office  
2 and used for redeeming State of Vermont general obligation bonds prior to  
3 maturity. **Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 1001b (e)**, beginning in fiscal year  
4 2024, to the extent bonds are redeemed, an amount equal to the reduction in  
5 payments for debt service required resulting from any redemption shall be  
6 transferred and reserved in the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund, as established  
7 in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b created in Sec. 106.1 of this act.

8           ~~(6) \$25,114,179 is appropriated to the extent available and, in fiscal year~~  
9 ~~2022, the Commissioner of Finance and Management is authorized to replace~~  
10 ~~American Rescue Plan Act—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds~~  
11 ~~appropriated in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. G.300, as amended by~~  
12 ~~Sec. 68 of this act, with General Fund dollars in the following amounts:~~

13           ~~(A) \$6,000,000 to replace the fund source in the appropriation in Sec.~~  
14 ~~G.300(a)(23) (Vermont Foodbank)~~

15           ~~(B) \$1,001,913 to replace the fund source in the appropriation in Sec.~~  
16 ~~G.300(a)(26) (adult day services);~~

17           ~~(C) \$4,934,590 to replace the fund source in the appropriation in Sec.~~  
18 ~~G.300(a)(27) (Department of Corrections);~~

19           ~~(D) \$12,803,996 to replace the fund source in the appropriation in~~  
20 ~~Sec. G.300(a)(28) (Department of Labor); and~~



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1           ~~(E) \$373,680 to replace the fund source in the appropriation in Sec.~~  
2 ~~G.300(a)(29) (Vermont Veterans' Home).~~

3           (6) \$6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be  
4 granted to childcare providers to address emergent and exigent circumstances  
5 following the COVID-19 pandemic for workforce retention bonuses to retain  
6 early childhood staff and home-based providers. It is the intent of the General  
7 Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section  
8 shall use the funds to make retention payments to their employees. The  
9 employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the  
10 financial retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage  
11 employment beyond the terms of this program.

12           (i) The Department is authorized to establish parameters related to  
13 minimum hours worked for an employee or home-based provider to be eligible  
14 for a bonus under this subdivision (30), and to design a program that does not  
15 allow for duplication of bonuses to staff who work for more than one provider.  
16 Staff under a teacher contract shall not be eligible for this program.

17           (ii) Notwithstanding any provision of Vermont law to the contrary  
18 and to the extent permitted under federal law, the amount of a recruitment or  
19 retention payment received by an employee under this section shall be  
20 disregarded for purposes of determining the employee's or employee's  
21 household's income eligibility for any benefit program.

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1           (7) \$9,600,000 is appropriated to the Judiciary, of which \$3,880,000  
2 is for the reopening of the courts and \$5,720,000 is to replace HVAC in county  
3 court houses.

4           (8) ?? \$10,000,000 to VHCB for housing *(reduce ARPA and allow all*  
5 *water projects to be in ARPA)*  
6 *the list totals \$65.05m #1 thru #8.*

7           (9) ?? \$6,000,000 is transferred to the Workers' Compensation Fund  
8 (56100)

9           (10) ?? \$10,000,000 reserved for emergency or transitional housing  
10 needs in the event federal emergency rental assistance funds are insufficient to  
11 meet needs in fiscal year 2023.

12           (11) \$50,250,000 is transferred to the Technology Modernization  
13 Special Fund created in Sec. E.105.1 of this act.

14           (12) ?? \$25,000,000 shall be transferred to the Capital Expenditure  
15 Cash Fund, as established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b created in Sec. 106.1 of this  
16 act.

17 *#9-12 total \$91.250 at these estimates – total list \$156.3m*

18           (c) After meeting the requirements of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
19 section, but prior to satisfying the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c, the  
20 remaining unreserved and undesignated funds at the close of fiscal year 2022  
21 shall remain in the General Fund and be carried forward to fiscal year 2023.

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1 **C.102.1 [Deleted.]**

2 Sec. C.103 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec G.300(a)~~(8)(C)~~ as amended  
3 by 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 68 is further amended to read:

4 (a) ~~\$187,114,176~~ **\$181,114,176** in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the  
5 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery

6 Funds as follows:

7 \* \* \*

8 (7) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the University of Vermont.

9 (A) \$1,000,000 for matching funds for research grant opportunities  
10 related to COVID-19.

11 (B) \$1,000,000 to provide up to two free classes in calendar year  
12 2022 for any Vermont resident who is seeking to transition to a new career or  
13 to enhance the resident’s job skills.

14 (8) \$19,700,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the Vermont State Colleges for  
15 the following programs; funds shall be carried forward until expended:

16 (A) \$2,000,000 to provide funding for up to six credits or two courses  
17 in the 2022–2023 academic year, including wraparound services for  
18 Vermonters whose employment was impacted by the COVID-19 public health  
19 emergency since March 13, 2020. The wraparound services may also be  
20 provided to students who enroll in six credit hours or two courses in the

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1 summer or fall of 2021 and spring of 2022 pursuant to 2021 Acts and  
2 Resolves No. 9, Sec. 18.

3 (B) \$3,000,000 to provide degree completion scholarships for up to  
4 30 credits towards a credential of value for adult learners who have earned at  
5 least 40 credits towards an undergraduate degree and have a gap in attendance  
6 of at least two years.

7 (C) \$14,700,000 to provide free last dollar tuition for one year of  
8 undergraduate studies for critical occupation careers, including bookkeeping  
9 certificate, IT service desk specialist certificate, certified production  
10 technician, graphic design certificate, software and web development program,  
11 electrical and plumbing apprenticeships, dental hygiene, certificate in  
12 accounting, small business management, radiologic science, and respiratory  
13 therapy. \$540,000 of these funds shall be allocated for paramedic/EMS  
14 programs and any unexpended amount of this allocation shall be available for  
15 the broader purpose in this subdivision (C). Funds may be used for practical  
16 nursing, ~~child care~~ child care, nursing, ~~and~~ mental health counseling, and  
17 psychology and social work programs only after available federal and State  
18 financial aid is applied to ensure no cost to the student. \_Of this amount,  
19 \$7,350,000 shall be carried forward for the 2022–2023 school year. If demand  
20 from undergraduates is met, then funds may be used to pay for tuition for the  
21 following graduate programs:

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- 1 (i) ~~Master~~ Master's in Education (all programs);
- 2 (ii) ~~Master~~ Master's in Educational Leadership;
- 3 (iii) ~~Master~~ Master's of Arts and ~~Certificate of~~ Advanced
- 4 Graduate Studies in ~~School~~ Psychology;
- 5 (iv) ~~Masters~~ Master's in Counseling; ~~and~~
- 6 (v) ~~Masters~~ Master's in Clinical Mental Health Counseling; ~~and~~
- 7 (vi) Master's in Clinical Social Work.

8 \* \* \*

9 ~~(30) \$6,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families to be~~  
10 ~~granted to childcare providers to address emergent and exigent circumstances~~  
11 ~~following the COVID-19 pandemic for workforce retention bonuses to retain~~  
12 ~~early childhood staff and home-based providers. It is the intent of the General~~  
13 ~~Assembly that the eligible employers awarded funds pursuant to this section~~  
14 ~~shall use the funds to make retention payments to their employees. The~~  
15 ~~employers shall be afforded flexibility in determining how best to provide the~~  
16 ~~financial retention assistance to their employees and how best to encourage~~  
17 ~~employment beyond the terms of this program.~~

18 ~~(A) The Department is authorized to establish parameters related to~~  
19 ~~minimum hours worked for an employee or home-based provider to be eligible~~  
20 ~~for a bonus under this subdivision (30), and to design a program that does not~~

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1 ~~allow for duplication of bonuses to staff who work for more than one provider.~~

2 ~~Staff under a teacher contract shall not be eligible for this program.~~

3 ~~(B) Notwithstanding any provision of Vermont law to the contrary~~

4 ~~and to the extent permitted under federal law, the amount of a recruitment or~~

5 ~~retention payment received by an employee under this section shall be~~

6 ~~disregarded for purposes of determining the employee's or employee's~~

7 ~~household's income eligibility for any benefit program.~~

8 \* \* \*

9 Sec. C.104 FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND FISCAL YEAR 2023; OUT-OF-

10 STATE BEDS SAVINGS; APPROPRIATION

11 (a) In fiscal year 2022, \$360,140 of the amount appropriated in 2021 Acts

12 and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.339 (correctional services for out-of-state beds)

13 shall be allocated as follows:

14 (1) \$300,000 to the Department of Corrections to expand and eliminate

15 participant fees for community-based domestic violence intervention

16 programming and to create domestic violence intervention programming and

17 curricula for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or questioning

18 (LGBTQ) individuals; and

19 (2) \$60,140 for Offender Management System/data system

20 improvements.



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1 the assistive community care rates and children integrated services rates, and  
2 the following appropriations in distinct one-time departmental IDs:

3 (1) \$23,510,987 is appropriated to the Agency of Human Services –  
4 Secretary’s Office.

5 (2) \$10,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Disabilities,  
6 Aging, and Independent Living.

7 (3) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Mental Health.

8 (4) \$17,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Vermont Health  
9 Access.

10 (5) \$1,500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Health.

11 (6) \$92,250 is appropriated to the Department for Children and  
12 Families.

13 (f) The Global Commitment Fund appropriated in subsection (e) of this  
14 section may be obligated in fiscal year 2023 for the purposes of bringing  
15 HCBS plan spending authority forward into fiscal year 2024. The funds  
16 appropriated in subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section may be transferred  
17 on a net-neutral basis in fiscal year 2023 in the same manner as the Global  
18 Commitment appropriations in Sec. E.301 of this act. The Agency shall report  
19 to the Joint Fiscal Committee in September 2023 on transfers of appropriations  
20 made and final amounts expended by each department in fiscal year 2023 and  
21 any obligated funds carried forward to be expended in fiscal year 2024.



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1 Sec. C.106 CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD; PHASE I SYSTEM

2 (a) In fiscal year 2022, the amount of \$760,000 is transferred from the  
3 General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998) to support phase one  
4 of the online registration, licensing, and business application portal.

5 Sec. C.107 [Deleted.]

6 Sec. C.107 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 66 (Educational Assistance;  
7 Medical Student Incentive Scholarship Program; Appropriation) is repealed.

8 C.107.1 TRANSITION OF FUNDING TO NURSE INCENTIVE

9 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TO NURSE FORGIVABLE

10 LOAN PROGRAM

11 (a) At the close of fiscal year 2022, to the extent that funds are unexpended  
12 in the appropriation made in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 Sec. C 100 (a) (1)  
13 and allocated for the Nurse-Scholarship Program defined in 2020 Acts and  
14 Resolves No. 155 and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 Sec. E.311.3, these  
15 funds shall be available in Fiscal Year 2023 to fund the Vermont Nursing  
16 Foregivable Loan Incentive Program in the Vermont Department of Health  
17 administered in collaboration with VSAC as established in 18 VSA §34.

18 (b) These funds shall be matched within the Global Commitment Program  
19 to the extent allowed by federal requirements.

20 (c) Any adjustments needed to the Department of Health Global  
21 Commitment Fund appropriation for transfer to VSAC for the Vermont

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1 Nursing Foregivable Loan Incentive Program shall be included in the fiscal  
2 year 2023 budget adjustment proposal.

3 C.107.2 FISCAL YEAR 2022 INCENTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

4 REVERSION AND HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

5 RESERVE CARE

6 (a) At the close of fiscal year 2022, to the extent that funds are unexpended  
7 in the appropriation made in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 Sec, C 100 (a) (1)  
8 and allocated for the University of Vermont College of Medicine, Medical  
9 Student Incentive Scholarship defined in 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 155 and  
10 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 Secs. E.311.1 and E.311.3, these funds shall be  
11 reverted as follows:

12 (1) 2020 Acts and Resolves No.155, Sec. 4a \$267,704

13 (2) 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74 Sec, C 100 (a)(1) \$438,579

14 (b) At the close of fiscal year 2022, \$700,000 is reserved in the General  
15 Fund for Health Care and Social Service Workforce needs. The Agency of  
16 Administration in consultation with the Agency of Human Services shall  
17 provide recommendations to the General Assembly for the of these one time  
18 funds in the fiscal year 2023 budget proposal.

19 Sec. C.108 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; TRADE APPRENTICESHIP

20 EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT; PROGRAM EXPANSION



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- 1                   ~~(III) an approved independent school in Vermont to which the~~  
2 ~~student’s district of residence pays publicly funded tuition on behalf of the~~  
3 ~~student;~~
- 4                   ~~(ii) is assigned to a public school through the High School~~  
5 ~~Completion Program; or~~
- 6                   ~~(iii) is a home study student; none of the payment to the accredited~~  
7 ~~postsecondary institution will be used to support religious instruction, religious~~  
8 ~~indoctrination (where “indoctrination” means to instruct in a body of doctrine~~  
9 ~~or principles), as defined in section 820 of this title, religious worship, or the~~  
10 ~~propagation of religious views, except for religious instruction that is designed~~  
11 ~~to provide an overview of religious history and teachings and does not support~~  
12 ~~religious instruction, religious indoctrination, religious worship, or the~~  
13 ~~propagation of religious views of any one religion or theology over others; and~~
- 14                   ~~(B) the student is not enrolled in a recognized independent school or~~  
15 ~~a school or program that is not recognized for attendance purposes under~~  
16 ~~section 1121 of this title;~~
- 17                   ~~(B)(C) dual enrollment is an element included within the student’s~~  
18 ~~personalized learning plan; and~~
- 19                   ~~(C)(D) the secondary school and the postsecondary institution have~~  
20 ~~determined that the student is sufficiently prepared to succeed in a dual~~

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1 ~~enrollment course, which can be determined in part by the assessment tool or~~  
2 ~~tools identified by the participating postsecondary institution.~~

3 Sec. C.109 [Deleted.]

4 Sec. C.110 ONE TIME TOBACCO FUNDS; APPROPRIATION;

5 SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND PREVENTION COALITIONS

6 ~~(a) The amount of \$1,000,000 in tobacco funds are appropriated in fiscal~~  
7 ~~year 2022 to the Department of Health, Public Health, and carried forward to~~  
8 ~~fiscal year 2023 for tobacco prevention and cessation programs developed in~~  
9 ~~coordination with the Chief Prevention Officer in the Agency of~~  
10 ~~Administration.~~

11 ~~(a) In fiscal year 2023 funds are appropriated from the Tobacco Fund to the~~  
12 ~~Department of Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP),~~  
13 ~~and shall be carried forward in fiscal year 2023 as follows:~~

14 ~~(1) \$1,000,000 for substance use disorder (SUD) and tobacco prevention~~  
15 ~~and cessation activities. Substance Misuse and Prevention Coalitions and~~  
16 ~~tobacco cessation programs that target youth vaping may apply for funding.~~  
17 ~~The Commissioner of ADAP shall determine levels of funding to award to~~  
18 ~~applicants.~~

19 ~~(A) The Office of ADAP shall require that, as part of the grant~~  
20 ~~agreement with the Substance Misuse Prevention Coalitions, information on~~  
21 ~~the use of the funds including the specific activities supported by the funds, a~~

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1 description of the number of people served, and information on the outcomes  
2 achieved by this investment be provided to ADAP in an agreed upon time  
3 frame. The ADAP shall report on these metrics to the House and Senate  
4 committees on Appropriations, the House Committee on Human Services, and  
5 the Senate committee on Health and Welfare on or before January 10, 2023.

6 (2) \$350,000 for statewide AIDS Service Organizations for HIV/AIDS  
7 prevention and syringe exchange programs. Of this amount, \$150,000 shall be  
8 granted to Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS  
9 prevention providers for syringe exchange programs, and \$200,000 shall be  
10 granted to the Howard Center’s Safe Recovery program. The method by  
11 which these prevention funds are distributed shall be determined by mutual  
12 agreement of the Department of Health, the Vermont AIDS service  
13 organizations, and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

14 Sec. C.111 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.335 as amended by 2022  
15 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 62, is further amended by adding a subsection  
16 (c) to read:

17 (c) Any funds expended on community-based service programs pursuant to  
18 subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year  
19 Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.

20 Sec. C.112 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(1)(C) is amended  
21 to read:

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1           (C) \$14,400,000 for distribution to departments to fund the annual  
2 increase in the Vermont State Employee Retirement Systems (VSERS)  
3 Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC). Amounts not  
4 distributed shall be transferred to the Vermont State Retirement Fund (60100)  
5 in the fiscal year 2022 as needed to meet the fiscal year 2022 ADEC  
6 requirement.

7 Sec. C.113 2021 Acts and Resolves No.74, Sec. D.101(b)(3) is amended to  
8 read:

9           (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E.228,  
10 ~~\$46,078,618~~ 47,736,618 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance  
11 Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory  
12 and Supervision Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision  
13 Fund (21080) shall be transferred to the General Fund.

14 Sec. C.114 2021 Acts and Resolves No.74, Sec. B.1106, as amended by 2022  
15 Acts and Resolves No.83, Sec. 46 is further amended read with the insertion of  
16 a subsection B.1106 (a)(34) as follows:

17           (34) \$1,658,000 to the Military department to provide state match for  
18 the federal Facilities Sustainment, Restoration, and Modernization (SRM)  
19 funds eligible for receipt in fiscal year 2022.

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1           \* \* \* Fiscal Year 2023 Fund Transfers and Reserve Allocations \* \* \*

2       Sec. D.100 APPROPRIATIONS; PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

3           (a) This act contains the following amounts appropriated from special  
4       funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. Expenditures from  
5       these appropriations shall not exceed available revenues.

6           (1) The sum of \$428,933 is appropriated from the Current Use  
7       Administration Special Fund to the Department of Taxes for administration of  
8       the Use Tax Reimbursement Program. Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 9610(c),  
9       amounts above \$428,933 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into  
10       the Current Use Administration Special Fund shall be transferred into the  
11       General Fund.

12           (2) The sum of \$21,128,985 is appropriated from the Vermont Housing  
13       and Conservation Trust Fund to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
14       Board. Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts above \$21,128,985 from  
15       the property transfer tax and surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a that  
16       are deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be  
17       transferred into the General Fund.

18           (A) The dedication of \$2,500,000 in revenue from the property  
19       transfer tax pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 9610(d) for the debt payments on the  
20       affordable housing bond, 10 V.S.A. § 314, is to be offset by the reduction of  
21       \$1,500,000 in the appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation



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1 Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a.  
2 The fiscal year 2023 appropriation of \$21,128,985 to VHCB reflects the  
3 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property  
4 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on  
5 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the  
6 appropriation to VHCB is intended to be restored.

7       (3) The sum of \$5,882,597 is appropriated from the Municipal and  
8 Regional Planning Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a), amounts  
9 above \$5,882,597 from the property transfer tax that are deposited into the  
10 Municipal and Regional Planning Fund shall be transferred into the General  
11 Fund. The \$5,882,597 shall be allocated as follows:

12           (A) \$4,574,417 for disbursement to regional planning commissions in  
13 a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

14           (B) \$872,120 for disbursement to municipalities in a manner  
15 consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

16           (C) \$436,060 to the Agency of Digital Services for the Vermont  
17 Center for Geographic Information.

18 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

19       (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are  
20 transferred from the funds indicated:

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1           (1) From the General Fund to the All Other Insurance Fund (56300):

2    \$1,000,000.

3           (2) From the General Fund to the Workers' Compensation Fund

4    (56100): \$2,000,000.

5           (2) From the General Fund to the Enhanced 911 Special Fund (21711):

6    \$1,300,000.

7           (3) From the General Fund to the Cannabis Regulation Fund (21998):

8    \$2,540,000.

9           (4) From the General Fund to the Technology Modernization Special

10   Fund created in Sec. E.105.1 of this act: \$16,760,000.

11           (5) From the Clean Water Fund (21932) established by 10 V.S.A.

12   § 1388 to the Agricultural Water Quality Special Fund (21933) created under

13   6 V.S.A. § 4803: \$5,816,111.

14           (6) From the Clean Water Fund established by 10 V.S.A. § 1388 to

15   the Lake in Crisis Response Program Special Fund (21938) created under

16   10 V.S.A. § 1315: \$50,000.

17           (7) From the Transportation Fund to the Downtown Transportation and

18   Related Capital Improvement Fund (21575) established by 24 V.S.A. § 2796 to

19   be used by the Vermont Downtown Development Board for the purposes of

20   the Fund: \$523,966.

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1        (b) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
2        2023:

3            (1) The following amounts shall be transferred to the General Fund from  
4        the funds indicated:

5	<u>22005</u>	<u>AHS Central Office earned federal receipts</u>	<u>\$4,641,960</u>
6	<u>50300</u>	<u>Liquor Control Fund</u>	<u>\$20,400,000</u>
7		<u>Caledonia Fair</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
8		<u>North Country Hospital Loan</u>	<u>\$24,047</u>
9		<u>Springfield Hospital promissory note</u>	
10		<u>repayment</u>	<u>\$121,416</u>

11            (2) The following estimated amounts, which may be all or a portion of  
12        unencumbered fund balances, shall be transferred from the following funds to  
13        the General Fund. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report  
14        to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July meeting the final amounts transferred  
15        from each fund and certify that such transfers will not impair the agency,  
16        office, or department reliant upon each fund from meeting its statutory  
17        requirements.

18	<u>21638</u>	<u>AG-Fees &amp; reimbursement – Court order</u>	<u>\$2,000,000</u>
19	<u>21928</u>	<u>Secretary of State Services Funds</u>	<u>\$1,200,000</u>
20	<u>62100</u>	<u>Unclaimed Property Fund</u>	<u>\$1,773,425</u>
21	<del><u>21998</u></del>	<del><u>Cannabis Regulation Fund</u></del>	<del><u>\$3,059,478</u></del>

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1           (3) Notwithstanding 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172, Sec. E. 228,  
2 \$45,664,476 of the unencumbered balances in the Insurance Regulatory and  
3 Supervision Fund (21075), the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision  
4 Fund (21085), and the Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (21080)  
5 shall be transferred to the General Fund.

6           (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
7 2023, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the  
8 accounts indicated:

9	<u>1210002000</u>	<u>Legislature</u>	<u>\$205,000</u>
10	<u>1100030000</u>	<u>Executive Branch Pay Act</u>	<u>\$4,000,000</u>

11           (c) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, in fiscal year  
12 2023 the following estimated General Fund reserves shall be made:

13           (1) Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 308, an estimated amount of \$18,629,568  
14 shall be reserved in the General Fund Budget Stabilization Reserve.

15   Sec. D.102 27/53 RESERVE

16           (a) \$3,020,000 from the General Fund shall be reserved in the 27/53  
17 reserve in fiscal year 2022. This action is the fiscal year 2023 contribution to  
18 the reserve for the 53rd week of Medicaid as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e and  
19 the 27th payroll reserve as required by 32 V.S.A. § 308e.

20   Sec. D.103 [Deleted.]

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1 Sec. E.100 EXECUTIVE BRANCH POSITIONS

2 (a) The establishment of the following new positions is authorized in fiscal  
3 year 2023:

4 (1) Permanent classified positions:

5 (A) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets - Vermont Agriculture  
6 and Environmental Lab: one new VAEL Scientist IV; Chemistry.

7 (B) Department of Buildings and General Services – Fee for Space:

8 (i) one BGS Utility Mechanic;

9 (ii) three BGS Institutional Custodians; and

10 (iii) one BGS Maintenance Mechanic II.

11 (C) Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living’s

12 Administration and Support division:

13 (i) one Survey and Certification Non-clinical Manager;

14 (ii) three Nurse Surveyors;

15 (iii) one Administrative Assistant; and

16 (iv) one Office of Public Guardian Community Financial

17 Specialist.

18 (D) Department of Mental Health:

19 (i) one Suicide Prevention Director;

20 (ii) one Quality Control Specialist III;

21 (iii) one Staffing Office Manager;

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- 1            (iv) five Mental Health Scheduling Coordinators;
- 2            (v) one DMH Psychologist;
- 3            (vi) one DMH Activity Therapist;
- 4            (vii) one Psychiatric Social Worker II;
- 5            (viii) two Food Service Workers;
- 6            (ix) two Cook Cs; and
- 7            (x) one Supervising Chef.
- 8            (E) Agency of Education:
- 9            (i) one School Facility Coordinator; and
- 10           (ii) one Communication Coordinator.
- 11           (F) Cannabis Control Board:
- 12           (i) two enforcement officers; and
- 13           (ii) one data analyst.
- 14           (G) State Treasurer: one Retirement Program Technician.
- 15           (H) Agency of Natural Resources Central Office:
- 16           (i) one Environmental Analyst VII; and
- 17           (ii) two Environmental Analyst V.
- 18           (2) Permanent Exempt Positions:
- 19           (A) Vermont Pension Investment Commission: one Principal
- 20           Assistant.

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1        (b) The conversion of the following limited-service positions to classified  
2 permanent status is authorized in fiscal year 2023 as follows:

3            (1) Department of Vermont Health Access:

4            (A) DVHA, Business Office Unit – one Financial Manager III;

5            (B) DVHA, Business Office Unit – one Grants Management  
6 Specialist;

7            (C) DVHA, Contracts & Grants Unit – two Contracts & Grants  
8 Administrators;

9            (D) DVHA, Contracts & Grants Unit – one Financial Manager I;

10           (E) DVHA, HAEEU – one Assister Program Manager;

11           (F) DVHA, HAEEU – seven Benefits Program Mentors;

12           (G) DVHA, HAEEU – two Business Analysts;

13           (H) DVHA, HAEEU – one Communications & Outreach

14 Coordinator;

15           (I) DVHA, HAEEU – one Health Care Training/Community

16 Manager;

17           (J) DVHA, HAEEU – seven Health Program Administrators;

18           (K) DVHA, HAEEU – three Healthcare Assistant Admin Is;

19           (L) DVHA, HAEEU – five Healthcare Assistant Admin IIs;

20           (M) DVHA, HAEEU – one VHC Business Process Coordinator;

21           (N) DVHA, HAEEU – one VHC Education & Outreach Coordinator;

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- 1           (O) DVHA, HAEEU – five VHC Support Services Specialists;  
2           (P) DVHA, HAEEU – 16 VT Healthcare Service Specialist Is;  
3           (Q) DVHA, HAEEU – 25 VT Healthcare Service Specialist IIs;  
4           (R) DVHA, HAEEU – five VT Healthcare Service Specialist IIIs;  
5           (S) DVHA, Health Care Appeals Unit – five Fair Hearing Specialists;  
6           (T) DVHA, Health Care Appeals Unit – one Program Technician I;  
7           (U) DVHA, Legal Unit – one Staff Attorney II; and  
8           (V) DVHA, Long Term Care Unit – three Long Term Care Specialist

9   Is.

10           (2) Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation – Forestry: one  
11   Forester III.

12           (3) State Treasurer: one Financial Manager.

13           (c) The establishment of the following new classified limited-service  
14   positions are authorized in fiscal year 2023 as follows:

15           (1) Department of Labor: three positions to assist with the UI  
16   Modernization project.

17           (2) Agency of Education:

18           (A) one Grants Manager; and

19           (B) three Monitoring Coordinators.

20           (3) Department of Environmental Conservation:

21           (A) one Environmental Analyst V.



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1           (4) Department of Motor Vehicles – to support DMV Core

2           Modernization Phase II:

3                   (A) one Purchasing/Inventory & Facilities Specialist III,

4                   (B) two Direct Client Service Specialist I,

5                   (C) one Financial Specialist III, and

6                   (D) one Direct Customer Service Specialist I.

7           (d) The establishment of the following new classified limited-service

8           positions are authorized in fiscal year July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024

9           as follows:

10           (1) Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs:

11                   (A) ten Deputy State’s Attorneys; and

12                   (B) two Administrative Assistants.

13           (e) The transfer of the following exempt position is authorized in fiscal

14           year 2023 as follows:

15           (1) From the Agency of Administration to the Office of the Attorney

16           General:

17                   (A) one Staff Attorney III.F

18           (f) The establishment of two additional classified permanent Tax Examiner

19           positions is authorized in the Department of Taxes beginning in fiscal year

20           2023.

21           (1) Department of Taxes:

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1           (A) two Tax Examiners.

2       Sec. E.100.1 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.100(d), as amended by  
3       2015 Acts and Resolves No. 4, Sec. 74; 2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172,  
4       Sec. E.100.2; 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 85, Sec. E.100.1; 2018 (Sp. Sess.)  
5       Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.100.1; 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 120,  
6       Sec. A.7; 2020 Act and Resolves No. 154, Sec. E.100.2; and by 2021 Acts and  
7       Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.100.1, is further amended to read:

8           (d) Position Pilot Program. A Position Pilot is hereby created to assist  
9       participating departments in more effectively managing costs of overtime,  
10       compensatory time, temporary employees, and contractual work by removing  
11       the position cap with the goal of maximizing resources to the greatest benefit  
12       of Vermont taxpayers.

13           (1) Notwithstanding Sec. A.107 of this act, the Agency of  
14       Transportation, the Department for Children and Families, the Agency of  
15       Natural Resources, the Department of Buildings and General Services, the  
16       Department of Labor, the Department of Corrections, ~~and~~ the Department of  
17       Public Safety, the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs, and the  
18       Vermont Veterans’ Home shall not be subject to the cap on positions for the  
19       duration of the Pilot.

20           (A) The Department of Corrections is authorized to add only  
21       Correctional Officer I and II positions.



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1 Sec. E.100.2 CHIEF PREVENTION OFFICER

2 (a) The Office of the Chief Prevention Officer shall coordinate all budget  
3 and policy initiatives across the full spectrum of the prevention continuum.

4 SEC. E.100.3 PENSION OVERSIGHT

5 (a) The Secretary of Administration, in consultation with the State  
6 Treasurer, shall study and recommend criteria for a longevity incentive for  
7 Group F members of the Vermont State Employees' Retirement System that  
8 reduces future employer pension costs. As part of the study, the Secretary  
9 shall identify the following:

10 (1) a baseline of recent member retirement behavior relative to  
11 assumptions during the five most recently completed fiscal years;

12 (2) a method for targeting incentives to encourage more employees to  
13 retire at later ages than currently assumed ;

14 (3) the amount and structure of proposed incentives; and

15 (4) whether additional funds are required to support the proposed  
16 incentive program.

17 (b) On or before December 15, 2022, the Secretary shall submit a report on  
18 the study described in subsection (a) of this section to the Joint Public Pension  
19 Oversight Committee, and the House and Senate Committees on  
20 Appropriations and on Government Operations.

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1 Sec. E.105 3 V.S.A. § 3303 is amended to read:

2 § 3303. REPORTING, RECORDS, AND REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

3 (a) Annual report and budget. The Secretary shall submit to the General  
4 Assembly, concurrent with the Governor’s annual budget request required  
5 under 32 V.S.A. § 306, an annual report for information technology and  
6 cybersecurity. The report shall reflect the priorities of the Agency and shall  
7 include:

8 (1) performance metrics and trends, including baseline and annual  
9 measurements, for each division of the Agency;

10 (2) a financial report of revenues and expenditures to date for the current  
11 fiscal year;

12 (3) costs avoided or saved as a result of technology optimization for the  
13 previous fiscal year;

14 (4) an outline summary of information, including scope, schedule,  
15 budget, and status for information technology projects with total costs of  
16 \$500,000.00 or greater;

17 (5) an annual update to the strategic plan prepared pursuant to  
18 subsection (c) of this section;

19 (6) a summary of independent reviews as required by subsection (d) of  
20 this section; ~~and~~

21 (7) the Agency budget submission; and



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1       (e) Priorities. The General Assembly shall prioritize projects to receive  
2 monies from the Fund based on recommendations from the Chief Information  
3 Officer submitted pursuant to subsection 3303(a) of this title. Expenditures  
4 may only be made from the fund through appropriation and project  
5 authorizaion by the General Assembly. Plans for use shall be submitted as  
6 part of hte budget adjustment or budget process.

7       Sec. E.105.2 FISCAL YEAR 2023; TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION  
8                               SPECIAL FUND; AUTHORIZATIONS

9       (a) In fiscal 2023, the following expenditures are authorized from the  
10 Technology Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this  
11 section:

12               (1) the sum of \$11,800,000 for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)  
13 system upgrade of core statewide financial accounting system and integration  
14 with the Vermont Department of Labor and the Agency of Transportation  
15 financial systems;

16               (2) the sum of \$1,800,000 for continued implementation of the  
17 Workplace Information Management System for property management at the  
18 Department of Buildings and General Services;

19               (3) the sum of \$960,000 for the Fire Safety System Modernization to  
20 replace the current technology with a modern platform to improve records

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1 management and public interaction functionalities related to permitting and  
2 licensing; and

3 (4) the sum of \$2,200,000 for a case management system at the Office  
4 of the Attorney General.

5 (b) The expenditures authorized in subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall  
6 only be released following approval by the Joint Information Technology  
7 Oversight Committee upon a review of the following documentation as  
8 provided by the Agency of Digital Services, the Agency of Administration, and  
9 the Joint Fiscal Office’s IT consultant:

10 (1) adequacy of departmental readiness;

11 (2) the responsiveness of requests for proposals; and

12 (3) results of the independent review.

13 (c) In fiscal year 2023, if funds are available per section C.102 (b) (XX) of  
14 this Act, the following expenditures are authorized from the Technology  
15 Modernization Special Fund to the projects described in this section:

16 (1) the sum of \$20,250,000 for the Department of Motor  
17 Vehicles (DMV) Core System Modernization Phase II;

18 (2) the sum of up to \$30,000,000 for the Department of Labor  
19 Unemployment Insurance Modernization project. These funds shall be released  
20 as follows:

21 (A) the sum of \$3,000,000 on July 1, 2022;



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1           (B) the sum of \$10,000,000 on July 1, 2023 upon approval by the  
2 Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee of the actions outlined in a  
3 Project Schedule;

4           (C) remaining funds shall be released upon request as needed by the  
5 Agency of Digital Services and approval of the Joint Information Technology  
6 Oversight Committee in accordance with actions outlined in a Project  
7 Schedule; and

8           (3) For the amounts released in subdivisions (1)(B)–(C) of this  
9 subsection, the Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee shall  
10 consider the Project Schedule developed between the Department of Labor and  
11 the Agency of Digital Services, as approved by the Agency of Administration.  
12 The Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee shall also consider  
13 any actions proposed by the U.S. Department of Labor that may impact current  
14 or future plans developed by the State’s Department of Labor.

15 Sec. E.106 EXECUTIVE BRANCH FEES AND FUND DEFICITS;

16           PROPOSED INCREASES AND FOREGONE REVENUE;

17           REPORT

18           (a) According to the report submitted by the Commissioner of Finance and  
19 Management pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. E.106,  
20 \$22,000,000 in revenue was foregone in one fiscal year due to lack of  
21 inflationary increases in certain fees, including Agency of Transportation fees.

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1       (b) On or before November 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Finance and  
2       Management shall submit an inventory of all existing fees within State  
3       government to the Joint Fiscal Committee in Excel format. This inventory  
4       shall include all fees collected by the Executive Branch, the Attorney General,  
5       and the State Treasurer, as well as fees collected by the Judicial Branch. For  
6       fees within the Judicial Branch, the Commissioner shall have the assistance of  
7       the State Court Administrator. The fee inventory shall contain the following  
8       information for each fee in existence on the preceding July 1:

9               (1) the statutory authorization and termination date if any;

10              (2) its current rate or amount and the date this was last set or adjusted by  
11       the General Assembly or by the Joint Fiscal Committee;

12              (3) the fund into which its revenues are deposited;

13              (4) the revenues derived from it in each of the two previous fiscal years  
14       and an estimate of what will be collected in the current fiscal year; and

15              (5) in the case of licensing and registration fees, whether the fee is  
16       collected annually, biennially, or on some other set time frame.

17       (c) On or before November 15, 2022, the Secretary of State shall submit an  
18       inventory of its existing fees to the Joint Fiscal Committee in Excel format.

19       The fee inventory shall contain the following information for each fee in  
20       existence on the preceding July 1:

21              (1) the statutory authorization and termination date if any;

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1           (2) its current rate or amount and the date this was last set or adjusted by  
2 the General Assembly or by the Joint Fiscal Committee;

3           (3) the fund into which its revenues are deposited;

4           (4) the revenues derived from it in each of the two previous fiscal years  
5 and an estimate of what will be collected in the current fiscal year; and

6           (5) in the case of licensing and registration fees, whether the fee is  
7 collected annually, biennially, or on some other set time frame.

8           (d) On or before November 15, 2022, the Commissioner of Finance and  
9 Management shall provide a list of all funds to the Joint Fiscal Committee for  
10 which one or both of the following conditions are true:

11           (A) the fund was in a deficit at the end of the most recent fiscal year  
12 or is expected to be in a deficit at the end of the current fiscal year; or

13           (B) general funds were needed in any of the last three years to  
14 address a fund deficit or to support the related operating costs of programs  
15 supported by the fund.

16           (e) On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Finance and  
17 Management shall submit a report to the General Assembly that provides a list  
18 of programs by department where the fees do not fully cover the cost of  
19 providing the service or regulatory function.

20 **Sec. E.106.1** 32 V.S.A. § 1001b is added to read:

21 § 1001b. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND

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1        (a) Creation. There is hereby created the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund to  
2 be administered by the Commissioner of Finance and Management, in  
3 consultation with the State Treasurer, for the purpose of using general funds to  
4 defray the costs of future capital expenditures that would otherwise be paid for  
5 using the State’s general obligation bonding authority and debt service  
6 obligations.

7        (b) Fund. The Fund may consist of:

- 8            (1) any appropriations or transfers made by the General Assembly; and  
9            (2) any interest earned by the Fund.

10        (c) Use of funds. Expenditure may only be made from the fund via enacted  
11 appropriations by the General Assembly. Plans for use shall be submitted as  
12 part of the operating budget adjustment or operating budget process. Monies  
13 in the Fund shall only be used for:

14            (1) costs associated with a proposed capital project that occur prior to  
15 the construction phase of that project, including feasibility, planning, design,  
16 and engineering and architectural costs;

17            (2) projects with an anticipated lifespan of less than 20 years;

18            (3) costs associated with the early redemption of general obligation  
19 bonds; and

20            (4) other eligible capital projects receiving an appropriation from the  
21 General Assembly.

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1        (d) Fund balance. All balances in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year  
2        shall be carried forward and remain part of the Fund.

3        (e) Early redemption transfer. If any expenditures are made from the Fund  
4        or the General Assembly appropriates general funds to pay for the early  
5        redemption of general obligation bonds pursuant to subdivision (c)(3) of this  
6        section, then an amount equal to the reduction in debt service required in any  
7        fiscal year resulting from that redemption shall be transferred to the Fund.

8        Sec. E.106.2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE CASH FUND; ANALYSIS

9        (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management, in consultation with  
10       the Joint Fiscal Office and the State Treasurer, shall analyze and make  
11       recommendations on:

12        (1) a dedicated revenue source or State fiscal capacity to fund the  
13        Capital Expenditure Cash und; and

14        (2) for any revenue source or State fiscal capacity identified in  
15        subdivision (1) of this subsection, an analysis of the benefits and costs of  
16        dedicating this revenue source to the Capital Expenditure Cash Fund in  
17        comparison to other identified unfunded State fiscal pressures.

18        (3) Amendments to 32 V.S.A. § 1001b (c) on the use of the Capital  
19        Expenditure Cash Fund, including;

20        (A) if uses of the fund should be prioritized in statute;

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1           (B) how to prioritize the use of the fund to emphasize strong financial  
2 management in Vermont State government;

3           (C) if an allowed use should include internal state debts or deficits;

4 and

5           (D) if an allowed use should include state assistance for projects to  
6 mitigate emergent health and safety needs.

7           (b) On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Finance and  
8 Management shall submit any recommendations to the House Committees on  
9 Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees  
10 on Appropriations and on Institutions.

11 Sec. E.107 CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

12 REVERSION AND REALLOCATION; REPORTS

13           (a) From July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, the Commissioner of  
14 Finance and Management is authorized to revert all unobligated Coronavirus  
15 Relief Fund (CRF) appropriations and allocate the monies for expenditure  
16 pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 511 to any agency or department for CRF-eligible  
17 costs incurred from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

18           (b) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report at the  
19 September meeting of the Joint Fiscal Committee on final CRF activity and if  
20 any monies will be returned to the federal government.

21 Sec. E.126 TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

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1        (a) Notwithstanding 32 V.S.A. § 706, in fiscal year 2023, appropriations  
2        within the Legislative Branch may be transferred between respective offices to  
3        ensure a balanced close-out in the fiscal year.

4        ~~Sec. E.126.1 DECARBONIZATION OF PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS; JOINT~~  
5        ~~———— PUBLIC PENSION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; REPORT~~

6        ~~(a) Study. The Joint Public Pension Oversight Committee shall, in~~  
7        ~~consultation with the State Treasurer, the Chair of the Vermont Pension~~  
8        ~~Investment Commission, and any interested stakeholders with investment and~~  
9        ~~environmental expertise, develop a strategy and timeline for the policies of the~~  
10       ~~State to decarbonize the investments of the Vermont State Employees'~~  
11       ~~Retirement System, the State Teachers' Retirement System, and the Municipal~~  
12       ~~Employees' Retirement System. The strategy and timeline developed by the~~  
13       ~~Committee shall be in accordance with sound investment criteria and~~  
14       ~~consistent with the fiduciary obligations of the Retirement Board for the~~  
15       ~~Vermont State Employees' Retirement System, the Board of Trustees for the~~  
16       ~~Vermont Teachers' Retirement System, and the Retirement Board of the~~  
17       ~~Municipal Employees' Retirement System. In developing the strategy and~~  
18       ~~plan, the Committee shall consider the feasibility of different decarbonization~~  
19       ~~strategies, including divestment to the fullest extent possible, and review~~  
20       ~~models used in New York and in other states for decarbonization.~~

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1 ~~(b) Assistance. The Committee shall have the fiscal assistance of the~~  
2 ~~Vermont Pension Investment Commission to conduct the work described in~~  
3 ~~subsection (a) of this section.~~

4 ~~(c) Report. On or before January 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit a~~  
5 ~~report on the strategy and timeline described in subsection (a) of this section to~~  
6 ~~the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations.~~

7 Sec. E.126.1 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE; STUDY

8 ~~(a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall study~~  
9 ~~Vermont's restorative justice programming and services, including the~~  
10 ~~administration and funding of pretrial services, court diversion programs,~~  
11 ~~balanced and restorative justice initiatives, and community justice center~~  
12 ~~services with the purpose to develop recommendations for a comprehensive~~  
13 ~~and efficient statutory framework for programming and services that further~~  
14 ~~restorative justice principles. In conducting its study, the Committee shall:~~

15 ~~(1) consider strategies for ensuring geographic consistency and equity~~  
16 ~~for restorative justice programming and services, including equal access for all~~  
17 ~~Vermonters and adequate resources for all providers; and~~

18 ~~(2) recommend any changes to streamline restorative justice~~  
19 ~~programming and services that coordinate the roles, responsibilities, and~~  
20 ~~funding of the Department of Corrections, the Office of the Attorney General,~~



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1 the Department of Children and Families, and any other entity that administers  
2 restorative justice programming and services in the State.

3 (b) On or before December 15, 2022, the Committee shall submit any  
4 proposed legislation resulting from its study to the House Committees on  
5 Corrections and Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Appropriations, and the  
6 Senate Committees on Institutions, on Judiciary, and on Appropriations.

7 Sec. E.128 ~~{Deleted.}~~ SERGEANT AT ARMS

8  
9 (a) The Capitol Police may submit a request for equipment purchases or  
10 leases for up to \$15,000 to the Joint Legislative Management Committee for  
11 review and approval. Upon approval, equipment purchases or leases shall be  
12 funded by general fund carry forward within the Legislative budget.

13 Sec. E.128.1 FARMERS' NIGHT CONCERT SERIES APPROPRIATION

14 (a) The Office of the Sergeant at Arms is authorized to use not more than  
15 \$10,000 from resources available within the General Assembly's budget to  
16 provide honoraria to speakers and performing groups who are invited to  
17 participate in the 2023 Farmers' Night Concert Series and who are not  
18 otherwise sponsored or compensated for their participation.

19 Sec. E.131 STATE TREASURER – VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX

20 ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

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1       (a) Included in the appropriation in Sec. B.131 is \$400,000 to contract  
2       with the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) on  
3       behalf of the Vermont Community Action Partnership to manage and  
4       administer the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

5       Sec. E.134 VERMONT MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT

6                       SYSTEM; FISCAL YEARS 2023–2026; RATES

7       (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
8       from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, contributions shall be made by:

9               (1) Group A members at the rate of 3.5 percent of earnable  
10       compensation;

11               (2) Group B members at the rate of 5.875 percent of earnable  
12       compensation;

13               (3) Group C members at the rate of 11 percent of earnable  
14       compensation; and

15               (4) Group D members at the rate of 12.35 percent of earnable  
16       compensation.

17       (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
18       from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, contributions shall be made by:

19               (1) Group A members at the rate of 3.75 percent of earnable  
20       compensation;

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1           (2) Group B members at the rate of 6.125 percent of earnable  
2 compensation;

3           (3) Group C members at the rate of 11.25 percent of earnable  
4 compensation; and

5           (4) Group D members at the rate of 12.6 percent of earnable  
6 compensation.

7           (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
8 from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, contributions shall be made by:

9           (1) Group A members at the rate of 4 percent of earnable compensation;

10           (2) Group B members at the rate of 6.375 percent of earnable  
11 compensation;

12           (3) Group C members at the rate of 11.5 percent of earnable  
13 compensation; and

14           (4) Group D members at the rate of 12.85 percent of earnable  
15 compensation.

16           (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of 24 V.S.A. § 5064(b), for the period  
17 from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, contributions shall be made by:

18           (1) Group A members at the rate of 4.25 percent of earnable  
19 compensation;

20           (2) Group B members at the rate of 6.625 percent of earnable  
21 compensation;



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1       (a) Creation. There is hereby created the Vermont Pension Investment  
2       Commission Special Fund, administered by the Vermont Pension Investment  
3       Commission, for the purpose of receiving funds transferred to the Commission  
4       pursuant to subsection 523(i) of this title. Monies in the Fund shall be used to  
5       pay expenses associated with carrying out the Commission’s duties.

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

7               (1) any amounts collected and transferred by the three retirement  
8       systems and any individual municipalities that have been allowed to invest  
9       their retirement funds pursuant to subsection 523(a) of this title;

10              (2) any amounts transferred or appropriated to it by the General  
11       Assembly; and

12              (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

13       Sec. E.134.3 VERMONT PENSION INVESTMENT COMMISSION;

14                               SOURCE OF FUNDS

15       (a) The funds appropriated in Sec. B.134.1 of this act are costs to the  
16       State’s pension funds and have been considered in each pension systems’  
17       actuarial valuations but have not been included in the funds appropriated in  
18       Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act.

19       (b) The funds appropriated from the pension systems for administrative  
20       costs in Secs. B.133, B.134, and B.514.1 of this act are intended to provide  
21       spending authority needed to transfer funds from the State’s pension systems to

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1 the Treasurers Retirement Admin Costs fund (21520) to cover the portion of  
2 the Treasurer’s budget attributable to the State’s pension systems.

3 Sec. E.134.4 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER OF CERTAIN SHERIFF  
4 DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES; COSTS; MUNICIPAL  
5 EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM; STATE  
6 TREASURER; REPORT

7 (a) The State Treasurer, in consultation with the Joint Pension Oversight  
8 Committee shall, with assistance of actuarial analysis, determine the costs  
9 associated with transferring the membership of:

10 (1) certified law enforcement officials employed by county sheriff  
11 departments from Group F in the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement  
12 System to a Group D membership in the Vermont Municipal Employees’  
13 Retirement System; and

14 (2) support staff employed by county sheriff departments from Group F  
15 in the Vermont State Employees’ Retirement System to Group A, B, or C in  
16 the Vermont Municipal Employees’ Retirement System.

17 (b) On or before October 1, 2022, the State Treasurer shall submit a report  
18 to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations  
19 and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Government Operations  
20 that includes the results of the study described in subsection (a) of this section.  
21 The report shall include an inventory of all employees, as of a specified date,

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1 for each county sheriff department with the current enrollment status of each  
2 employee in a State or municipal pension system by group; or if the employee  
3 is not enrolled in a State or municipal pension system; or is enrolled in another  
4 retirement system.

5 Sec. E.136.1 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 79, Sec. 13, as amended by 2020  
6 Acts and Resolves No. 120, Sec. A.8, and 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 44, Sec.  
7 2, is further amended to read:

8 Sec. 13. STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FUNDING SOURCE  
9 SURCHARGE; REPEAL

10 (a) Surcharge.

11 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c) setting forth  
12 the purpose and rate of charges collected in the Human Resource Services  
13 Internal Service Fund, in fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, a surcharge of up to  
14 2.3 percent, but no greater than the cost of the activities of the State Ethics  
15 Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of this act, on the per-position portion of the  
16 charges authorized in 3 V.S.A. § 2283(c)(2) shall be assessed to all Executive  
17 Branch agencies, departments, and offices and shall be paid by all assessed  
18 entities solely with State funds.

19 (2) The amount collected shall be accounted for within the Human  
20 Resource Services Internal Service Fund and used solely for the purposes of

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1 funding the activities of the State Ethics Commission set forth in Sec. 7 of  
2 this act.

3 (b) Repeal. This section shall be repealed on ~~July 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2025.

4 Sec. E.139 GRAND LIST LITIGATION ASSISTANCE

5 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.139 of this act, \$9,000 shall be  
6 transferred to the Attorney General and \$70,000 shall be transferred to the  
7 Department of Taxes, Division of Property Valuation and Review and reserved  
8 and used with any remaining funds from the amount previously transferred for  
9 final payment of expenses incurred by the Department or towns in defense of  
10 grand list appeals regarding the reappraisals of the hydroelectric plants and  
11 expenses incurred to undertake complex commercial and utility property  
12 appraisals conducted by the Department to aid town valuations.

13 Sec. E.142 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

14 (a) This appropriation is for State payments in lieu of property taxes under  
15 32 V.S.A. chapter 123, subchapter 4, and the payments shall be calculated in  
16 addition to and without regard to the appropriations for PILOT for Montpelier  
17 and for correctional facilities elsewhere in this act. Payments in lieu of taxes  
18 under this section shall be paid from the PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A.  
19 § 3709.

20 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the payments under this  
21 section shall be adjusted so that the total payments made under Secs. E.142,



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1 E.143, and E.144 do not exceed 100 percent of the assessed value of State  
2 buildings defined by 32 V.S.A. § 3701(2).

3 Sec. E.143 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – MONTPELIER

4 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the  
5 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

6 Sec. E.144 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES – CORRECTIONAL  
7 FACILITIES

8 (a) Payments in lieu of taxes under this section shall be paid from the  
9 PILOT Special Fund under 32 V.S.A. § 3709.

10 \* \* \* Protection to Persons and Property \* \* \*

11 Sec. E.200 ATTORNEY GENERAL

12 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the Office of the Attorney  
13 General, Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit, is authorized to retain,  
14 subject to appropriation, one-half of the State share of any recoveries from  
15 Medicaid fraud settlements, excluding interest, that exceed the State share of  
16 restitution to the Medicaid Program. All such designated additional recoveries  
17 retained shall be used to finance Medicaid Fraud and Residential Abuse Unit  
18 activities.

19 (b) Of the revenue available to the Attorney General under 9 V.S.A.  
20 § 2458(b)(4), \$1,545,393 is appropriated in Sec. B.200 of this act.

21 Sec. E.203 [Deleted.]

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1 Sec. E.205 24 V.S.A. § 290 is amended to read:

2 § 290. COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

3 \* \* \*

4 (b) Full-time State deputy sheriffs whose primary responsibility is  
5 transportation of prisoners and persons with a mental condition or psychiatric  
6 disability shall be paid by the State of Vermont. ~~The appointment of such~~  
7 ~~deputies and their salary shall be approved by the Governor or his or her~~  
8 ~~designee. The Executive Committee of the Vermont Sheriffs Association and~~  
9 ~~the Executive Director of the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs~~  
10 ~~shall jointly have authority for the assignment of position locations in the~~  
11 ~~counties of State paid deputy sheriffs and shall review the county location~~  
12 ~~assignments periodically for efficient use of resources. The positions and their~~  
13 ~~funding shall be assigned to the Department of State’s Attorneys and Sheriffs.~~  
14 The Executive Director shall have the authority to determine job duties for the  
15 position, assignment of positions to county, regular and temporary work  
16 locations, assistance to other State agencies and departments, timesheet  
17 systems, daily work logs, and to have final approval of personnel matters  
18 including, but not limited to, approval for hiring, paygrade assignment, hiring  
19 rate, discipline, and termination. The Sheriffs shall have an Executive  
20 Committee of not more than five current Sheriffs, elected for a two-year term  
21 by a vote of the Sheriffs held not later than January 15, for a term starting

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1 February 1. The Executive Committee shall have a Chair, Vice-Chair,  
2 Secretary-Treasurer, and two members at large. The Executive Committee  
3 shall meet at least quarterly to provide input to the Department of State’s  
4 Attorneys and Sheriffs regarding budget, legislation, personnel and policies,  
5 and the assignment of positions, when vacancies arise, for efficient use of  
6 resources.

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. E.205.1 32 V.S.A. § 1591(2) is amended to read:

9 (2) For the transportation and care of prisoners, juveniles, and patients  
10 with a mental condition or psychiatric disability:

11 (A) For necessary assistance in arresting or transporting prisoners,  
12 juveniles, or persons with mental illness, the ~~sum of \$18.00 per hour~~ State’s  
13 Attorneys and Sheriffs Executive Director shall annually set the per hour  
14 chargeable rate for each deputy sheriff or assistant so required if the to assist in  
15 the transport. The Executive Director shall consult with the Sheriffs  
16 Association before setting the per hour chargeable rate. The sheriff or  
17 ~~constable makes oath that the deputy sheriff, assistant, or assistants were~~  
18 ~~required, giving the name of the assistant or assistants if there were more than~~  
19 ~~one; provided, however, a full-time law enforcement officer~~ shall provide the  
20 documentation required by the Department. The deputy sheriff or assistant  
21 shall not receive compensation under this subsection if otherwise compensated

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1 from any other funding source for the same hours during which such  
2 transportation is performed. In addition to the rate established the sheriffs'  
3 department shall be reimbursed for the costs of the employers' contribution to  
4 Social Security and workers' compensation insurance attributable to services  
5 provided under this section. Reimbursement shall be calculated on an hourly  
6 basis; the sheriff's department shall also be reimbursed for the costs of  
7 employer contributions for unemployment compensation, when a claim is filed  
8 and the percentage owed from the sheriff's department to the State can be  
9 accounted for under this section.

10 \* \* \*

## 11 Sec. E.208 PUBLIC SAFETY – ADMINISTRATION

12 (a) The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to enter into a  
13 performance-based contract with the Essex County Sheriff's Department to  
14 provide law enforcement service activities agreed upon by both the  
15 Commissioner of Public Safety and the Sheriff.

## 16 Sec. E.209 PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE POLICE

17 (a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209, \$35,000 shall be  
18 available to the Southern Vermont Wilderness Search and Rescue Team, which  
19 comprises State Police, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, county sheriffs,  
20 and local law enforcement personnel in Bennington, Windham, and Windsor  
21 Counties, for snowmobile enforcement.

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1       (b) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.209, \$405,000 is allocated  
2 for grants in support of the Drug Task Force. Of this amount, \$190,000 shall  
3 be used by the Vermont Drug Task Force to fund three town task force  
4 officers. These town task force officers shall be dedicated to enforcement  
5 efforts with respect to both regulated drugs as defined in 18 V.S.A. § 4201(29)  
6 and the diversion of legal prescription drugs. Any unobligated funds may be  
7 allocated by the Commissioner to fund the work of the Drug Task Force or  
8 carried forward.

9       Sec. E.209.1 PUBLIC SAFETY – VERMONT STATE POLICE; DISPATCH

10                               WORKING GROUP; TRANSITION PROPOSAL; REPORT

11       (a) Creation. The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety shall  
12 convene a working group on the new regional dispatch model. The task force  
13 shall provide a written report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or  
14 before December 1, 2022. The report shall include recommendations on:

15               (1) The long-term funding model for regional dispatch that fairly  
16 assesses costs statewide and does not unduly affect property taxes and clearly  
17 identifies the potential impact on property taxes;

18               (2) The estimated timeline and transition funding needed as new  
19 regional dispatch centers come online and local dispatch services are  
20 transitioned away from state operated facilities.

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1           (3) Identify the reduction in workload that will result at the two  
2 Vermont State Policy dispatch centers from a fully operational regional  
3 dispatch model.

4           (b) Membership. The working group shall be composed of the following  
5 members:

6           (1) one representative of the Vermont State Police, selected by the  
7 Commissioner of Public Safety;

8           (2) two representatives of local legislative bodies, selected by the  
9 Vermont League of Cities and Towns, one of which utilizes a State-dispatch  
10 center and one of which utilizes an existing regional or local dispatch center;

11           (3) one representative of an existing local or regional dispatch center,  
12 selected by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns;

13           (4) two police chiefs, selected by the Vermont Police Chiefs  
14 Association, one of whom utilizes a State-dispatch center and one of whom  
15 utilizes an existing regional or local dispatch center;

16           (5) one emergency medical responder, selected by the Vermont EMS  
17 Advisory Committee;

18           (6) one firefighter, selected by the Vermont State Firefighters  
19 Association;

20           (7) one sheriff, selected by the Vermont Sheriffs Association; and

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1           (8) one representative of the Enhanced 911 Board, selected by the Board  
2 Chair.

3           (c) Powers and Duties. The working group shall:

4           (1) Consider and document how current dispatch services are provided  
5 statewide and the various methods of funding that exist to cover the cost of  
6 dispatch services. This shall include detail by town and or by emergency  
7 service provider. This analysis shall identify any funding inequities that exist  
8 in the current system between those entities paying for services using local  
9 funds and those entities receiving dispatch services provide by the State  
10 without cost. The analysis of current costs and payments flows for dispatch  
11 services shall be compared to the projected costs and payment flows under the  
12 new regional dispatch model. This analysis shall also estimate how first  
13 responder entities dispatched though the new regional system may be  
14 financially impacted in the transition to the new regional system.

15           (2) Identify a transitional timeline and the tasks to be completed within  
16 that timeline for transitioning to the new regional dispatch model.

17           (3) Identify any State resources that may become available once the new  
18 dispatch system is fully operational and recommend if and how such resources  
19 should be distributed to equitably reduce local costs.

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1           (4) Identify any other ongoing sources of statewide revenue to be  
2 dedicated to statewide emergency response communications to equitably  
3 reduce local costs.

4           (d) Meetings.

5           (1) The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee shall call the first  
6 meeting of the working group.

7           (2) The working group shall determine its chair from among the  
8 members of the working group.

9           (3) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

10          (e) Assistance. The working group shall have the administrative, technical,  
11 and legal assistance of the Department of Public Safety.

12       Sec. E.212 PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE SAFETY

13          (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.212 of this act, \$55,000 shall be  
14 granted to the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force for the purpose of  
15 designing dry hydrants.

16       Sec. E.215 MILITARY – ADMINISTRATION

17          (a) The amount of \$1,319,834 shall be disbursed to the Vermont Student  
18 Assistance Corporation for the National Guard Tuition Benefit Program  
19 established in 16 V.S.A. § 2857.

20       Sec. E.219 MILITARY – VETERANS' AFFAIRS





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1       (a) On or before December 1, 2022, the Vermont Community Broadband  
2 Board shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a proposed  
3 budget for its operational expenses for fiscal year 2023 for inclusion in the  
4 fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment act.

5       (b) On or before January 15, 2023, the Vermont Community Broadband  
6 Board shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a proposed  
7 budget for its operational expenses in fiscal year 2024 for inclusion in the  
8 Governor’s recommended fiscal year 2024 appropriations for the support of  
9 government.

10       (c) In preparing a proposed budget for its operational expenses, the  
11 Vermont Community Broadband Board shall maximize first the use of any  
12 federal funds in the Vermont Community Broadband Fund that are available  
13 for administrative costs, and then shall draw upon monies transferred to the  
14 Vermont Community Broadband Fund pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 7523(b).

15       Sec. E.233.2 VERMONT COMMUNITY BROADBAND BOARD

16       (a) In fiscal year 2023 there is appropriated to the Vermont Community  
17 Broadband Board a total of \$1,500,000 from special funds to operate the  
18 Board. The intent of this section is to provide the necessary spending authority  
19 to the Board to operate in fiscal year 2023 until a new line-item budget is  
20 included in the budget adjustment for fiscal year 2023 pursuant to Sec. 233.1.  
21 of this act.

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1 Sec. E.233.3 MUNICIPAL FUNDS FOR BROADBAND

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
3 municipality may accept and finance broadband projects with funds received  
4 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, including funds  
5 received as lost revenue.

6 Sec. E.240 CANNABIS CONTROL BOARD

7 (a) The funds appropriated for the Cannabis Control Board in Sec. B.240 of  
8 this act include one-time special funds of \$703,432 to support phase two of the  
9 license application and seed to sale tracking information technology system.

10 \* \* \* Cannabis Regulation Fund; Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue in Fiscal  
11 Years ~~2023–2025~~ 2024 and 2025\* \* \*

12 Sec. E.240.1 7 V.S.A. § 845 is amended to read:

13 § 845. CANNABIS REGULATION FUND

14 (a) There is established the Cannabis Regulation Fund, which shall be  
15 managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The Fund  
16 shall be maintained by the Cannabis Control Board.

17 (b) The Fund shall be composed of:

18 (1) all State application fees, annual license fees, renewal fees, and civil  
19 penalties collected by the Board pursuant to chapters 33 (cannabis  
20 establishments) and 37 (medical cannabis dispensaries) of this title; ~~and~~

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1 (2) all annual and renewal fees collected by the Board pursuant to  
2 chapter 35 (medical cannabis registry) of this title; and

3 (3) all cannabis excise tax revenue raised pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902.

4 (c) Monies from the Fund shall only be appropriated for the purposes of  
5 implementation, administration, and enforcement of this chapter and chapter  
6 33 of this title.

7 (d) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall do the following  
8 not later than July 31 each year:

9 (1) transfer the unexpended and unobligated balance of the Cannabis  
10 Regulation Fund to the General Fund at the close of the prior fiscal year; and

11 (2) report the amount of the transfer made pursuant to subdivision (1) of  
12 this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee.

13 Sec. E.240.2 32 V.S.A. § 7909 is amended to read:

14 § 7909. SUBSTANCE MISUSE PREVENTION FUNDING

15 (a) Thirty percent of the ~~revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax~~  
16 ~~imposed by section 7902 of this title~~ unexpended and unobligated balance of  
17 the Cannabis Regulation Fund that is transferred to the General Fund pursuant  
18 to 7 V.S.A. § 845(d)(1), not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal year, shall be  
19 used to fund substance misuse prevention programming in the subsequent  
20 fiscal year.

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1 Sec. E.240.3. REPEAL

2 (a) 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 6c (contingent Cannabis  
3 Regulation Fund deficit offset) is repealed.

4 Sec. E.240.4 2020 Acts and Resolves No. 164, Sec. 33(h) is amended to read:

5 (h) ~~Sec. 6c (contingent Cannabis Regulation Fund deficit offset) shall take~~  
6 ~~effect on July 1, 2024. [Repealed.]~~

7 \* \* \* Cannabis Excise Tax Revenue Starting in Fiscal Year ~~2025~~ 2026 \* \* \*

8 Sec. E.240.5. 7 V.S.A. § 845 is amended to read:

9 § 845. CANNABIS REGULATION FUND

10 (a) There is established the Cannabis Regulation Fund, which shall be  
11 managed in accordance with 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 5. The Fund  
12 shall be maintained by the Cannabis Control Board.

13 (b) The Fund shall be composed of:

14 (1) all State application fees, annual license fees, renewal fees, and civil  
15 penalties collected by the Board pursuant to chapters 33 (cannabis  
16 establishments) and 37 (medical cannabis dispensaries) of this title; and

17 (2) all annual and renewal fees collected by the Board pursuant to  
18 chapter 35 (medical cannabis registry) of this title; ~~and~~.

19 (3) ~~all cannabis excise tax revenue raised pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 7902.~~

20 [Repealed.]

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1 (c) Monies from the Fund shall only be appropriated for the purposes of  
2 implementation, administration, and enforcement of this chapter and chapter  
3 33 of this title.

4 (d) ~~The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall do the following~~  
5 ~~not later than July 31 each year:~~

6 (1) ~~transfer the unexpended and unobligated balance of the Cannabis~~  
7 ~~Regulation Fund to the General Fund at the close of the prior fiscal year; and~~

8 (2) ~~report the amount of the transfer made pursuant to subdivision (1) of~~  
9 ~~this subsection to the Joint Fiscal Committee. [Repealed.]~~

10 Sec. E.240.6. 32 V.S.A. § 7909(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Thirty percent of the revenues raised by the cannabis excise tax  
12 imposed by section 7902 of this title ~~unexpended and unobligated balance of~~  
13 ~~the Cannabis Regulation Fund that is transferred to the General Fund pursuant~~  
14 ~~to 7 V.S.A. § 845(d)(1), not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 per fiscal year, shall be~~  
15 used to fund substance misuse prevention programming in the subsequent  
16 fiscal year.

17 Sec. E.240.7 TRANSFER IN JULY 2025

18 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
19 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall do the following not later  
20 than July 31, 2025:



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1 Commitment) approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
2 under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

3 (b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in this section, a total  
4 estimated sum of \$25,231,644 is anticipated to be certified as State matching  
5 funds under the Global Commitment as follows:

6 (1) \$22,230,100 certified State match available from local education  
7 agencies for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services under  
8 the Global Commitment. This amount combined with \$28,269,900 of federal  
9 funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act equals a total estimated  
10 expenditure of \$50,500,000. An amount equal to the amount of the federal  
11 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services  
12 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment  
13 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund created in 16 V.S.A.  
14 § 2959a.

15 (2) \$3,001,544 certified State match available from local designated  
16 mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible mental health  
17 services provided under Global Commitment.

18 (c) Up to \$4,034,170 is transferred from the AHS Federal Receipts Holding  
19 Account to the Interdepartmental Transfer Fund consistent with the amount  
20 appropriated in Sec. B.301 – Secretary’s Office – Global Commitment of this  
21 act.



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1 Sec. E.301.1 GLOBAL COMMITMENT APPROPRIATIONS; TRANSFER;  
2 REPORT

3 (a) In order to facilitate the end-of-year closeout for fiscal year 2023, the  
4 Secretary of Human Services, with approval from the Secretary of  
5 Administration, may make transfers among the appropriations authorized for  
6 Medicaid and Medicaid-waiver program expenses, including Global  
7 Commitment appropriations outside the Agency of Human Services. At least  
8 three business days prior to any transfer, the Agency shall submit to the Joint  
9 Fiscal Office a proposal of transfers to be made pursuant to this section. A  
10 final report on all transfers made under this section shall be made to the Joint  
11 Fiscal Committee for review at the September 2023 meeting. The purpose of  
12 this section is to provide the Agency with limited authority to modify the  
13 appropriations to comply with the terms and conditions of the Global  
14 Commitment for Health waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and  
15 Medicaid Services under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act.

16 Sec. E.301.2 GLOBAL COMMITMENT WAIVER AMENDMENT

17 (a) The Secretary of Human Services is authorized to seek to extend or  
18 renew Vermont's Global Commitment to Health Section 1115 Demonstration  
19 Waiver, which is currently set to expire on June 30, 2022. The Agency of  
20 Human Services shall strive to maintain or increase the State's flexibility to  
21 use Global Commitment investment dollars to increase access to care and

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1 coverage, improve health outcomes, strengthen health care delivery, and  
2 promote transformation to value-based and integrated models of care.

3 ~~Sec. E.301.3 PROVIDER RATE INCREASES~~

4 ~~(a) Recipients of any increased rates under Secs.B.314 and B.333 and Sec.~~  
5 ~~B.334.1 of this act shall be transparent in the use of these funds through timely~~  
6 ~~and accurate reporting.~~

7 Sec. E.301.3 PROVIDER RATE INCREASES

8 (a) Recipients of any increased rates under Secs.B.314, B.333 and B. 334.1  
9 of this act shall be transparent in the use of these funds through timely and  
10 accurate reporting.

11 (b) By April 15, 2023, based on the information reported in subsection (a)  
12 of this section from the Designated and Specialized Service Agencies and the  
13 Home Health Provider Agencies, the Agency of Human Services shall provide  
14 a preliminary report to General Assembly on whether the Fiscal Year 2023  
15 provider rate increase is having an impact on:

16 (1) Reducing the wait times for community based mental health  
17 services or community-based home health services under the choices for care  
18 program.

19 (2) Reducing the use of emergency department resources at local  
20 hospitals for mental health related incidents;

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1           (3) Improving the staff vacancy rate at these providers through their  
2 ability to recruit and retain employees.

3 Sec. E.306 VERMONT HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE RULES

4       (a) The Agency of Human Services may adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.  
5 chapter 25 to conform Vermont’s rules regarding health care eligibility and  
6 enrollment and the operation of the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange to state  
7 and federal law and guidance. The Agency may use the emergency rules  
8 process pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844 prior to June 30, 2023, but only in the event  
9 that new state or federal law or guidance require Vermont to amend or adopt  
10 its rules in a time frame that cannot be accomplished under the traditional  
11 rulemaking process. An emergency rule adopted under these exigent  
12 circumstances shall be deemed to meet the standard for the adoption of  
13 emergency rules required pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 844(a).

14 Sec. E.306.1 [Deleted.]

15 Sec. E.312 HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH

16       (a) AIDS/HIV funding.

17           (1) In fiscal year 2023 and as provided in this section, the Department of  
18 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$475,000 in AIDS Medication  
19 Rebates special funds to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support  
20 organizations for client-based support services. The Department of Health  
21 AIDS Program shall meet at least quarterly with the Community Advisory

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1 Group (CAG) with current information and data relating to service initiatives.

2 The funds shall be allocated according to an RFP process.

3 (2) In fiscal year 2023 and as provided in this section, the Department of

4 Health shall provide grants in the amount of \$295,000 to the following

5 organizations:

6 (A) Vermont CARES - \$140,000;

7 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont - \$100,000; and

8 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center - \$55,000.

9 (3) Ryan White Title II funds for AIDS services and the Vermont

10 Medication Assistance Program (VMAP) shall be distributed in accordance

11 with federal guidelines. The federal guidelines shall not apply to programs or

12 services funded solely by State general funds.

13 (A) The Secretary of Human Services shall immediately notify the

14 Joint Fiscal Committee if at any time there are insufficient funds in VMAP to

15 assist all eligible individuals. The Secretary shall work in collaboration with

16 persons living with HIV/AIDS to develop a plan to continue access to VMAP

17 medications until such time as the General Assembly can take action.

18 (B) As provided in this section, the Secretary of Human Services

19 shall work in collaboration with the VMAP Advisory Committee, which shall

20 be composed of not less than 50 percent of members who are living with

21 HIV/AIDS. If a modification to the program's eligibility requirements or

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1 benefit coverage is considered, the Committee shall make recommendations  
2 regarding the program’s formulary of approved medication, related laboratory  
3 testing, nutritional supplements, and eligibility for the program.

4 (4) In fiscal year 2023, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
5 the amount of \$100,000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service  
6 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for  
7 community-based HIV prevention programs and services. These funds shall  
8 be used for HIV/AIDS prevention purposes, including syringe exchange  
9 programs; improving the availability of confidential and anonymous HIV  
10 testing; prevention work with at-risk groups such as women, intravenous drug  
11 users, and people of color; and anti-stigma campaigns. Not more than  
12 15 percent of the funds may be used for the administration of such services by  
13 the recipients of these funds. The method by which these prevention funds are  
14 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of  
15 Health and the Vermont AIDS service organizations and other Vermont  
16 HIV/AIDS prevention providers.

17 (5) In fiscal year 2023, the Department of Health shall provide grants in  
18 the amount of \$~~150,000~~ 300,0000 in general funds to Vermont AIDS service  
19 organizations and other Vermont HIV/AIDS prevention providers for syringe  
20 exchange programs. The method by which these prevention funds are  
21 distributed shall be determined by mutual agreement of the Department of

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1 Health, the Vermont AIDS service organizations, and other Vermont  
2 HIV/AIDS prevention providers. The performance period for these grants will  
3 be State fiscal year 2023. Grant reporting shall include outcomes and results.

4 (6) In fiscal year 2023, the Department of Health shall not reduce any  
5 grants to the Vermont AIDS service and peer-support organizations or syringe  
6 service programs from funds appropriated for AIDS/HIV services to levels  
7 below those in fiscal year 2022 without receiving prior approval from the Joint  
8 Fiscal Committee.

9 Sec. E.313 REPORT, PUBLIC INEBRIATE AND SOBER BED

10 PROGRAMMING

11 (a) The new alcohol and drug abuse program beds funded through Sec.  
12 B.313 of this act shall be used to treat public inebriates instead of having these  
13 individuals held by the Department of Corrections. On or before January 15,  
14 2023, the Department of Health, in consultation with the Chief Prevention  
15 Officer, Vermont Preferred Providers, Vermont Care Partners, the Vermont  
16 Association for Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, and the Vermont  
17 Alliance for Recovery Residences, shall submit a written report to the House  
18 Committees on Appropriations and on Human Services and to the Senate  
19 Committees on Appropriations and on Health and Welfare examining whether  
20 there is excess bed capacity among those programs designated for use by  
21 public inebriates. The report shall include an analysis of financial

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1 sustainability of the programs. If the Department determines that there is  
2 excess capacity, the report shall include a plan to make efficient use of the  
3 excess capacity, including possibly redesignating beds for alternative purposes.

4 Sec. E.314 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; MOBILE CRISIS

5 OUTREACH SERVICES

6 (a) The Department of Mental Health shall build an urgent care model for  
7 mental health by expanding mobile outreach services based on the  
8 Department's analysis of statewide mobile crisis services and gaps pursuant to  
9 its State Planning Grant from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.  
10 The urgent care model shall address geographic gaps and the regions of the  
11 State in which the lack of mobile outreach is most directly driving unnecessary  
12 emergency department visits or unnecessary law enforcement responses.

13 (b) The new mobile outreach services shall:

14 (1) be based on evidence-based and trauma-informed practices,  
15 including using peer support staff;

16 (2) be developed in conjunction with the continuum of urgent care  
17 response related to the new 9-8-8 suicide prevention line; and

18 (3) comply with federal requirements as needed to qualify for three  
19 years of federal financial participation at an enhanced 85 percent federal match  
20 rate.

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1       (c) The Department, in coordination with the Agency of Human Services  
2       Secretary’s Office, Department of Vermont Health Access and the Department  
3       of Financial Regulation, shall develop a sustainability plan to ensure that the  
4       services will continue to be available after expiration of the enhanced federal  
5       match rate.

6       (d) On or before January 15, 2023, the Department shall provide a status  
7       report on:

8               (1) the experience of the Rutland pilot project which includes the  
9       number of Vermonters served by this pilot though 2022, as well as a  
10       description of the evaluation of the operating model of the pilot since it was  
11       launched to date; and

12               (2) the status of expansion of the urgent care model for mental health by  
13       expanding mobile outreach services funded in fiscal year 2023, including  
14       grants issued to date, operating status of the programs provided funding, and  
15       number of Vermonters served in 2022.

16       Sec. E.314.1 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; EMERGENCY  
17                       DEPARTMENTS; PATIENT EXPERIENCE OF CARE;  
18                       REPORT

19       (a) On or before January 15, 2023, the Department of Mental Health shall  
20       report to the House Committee on Health Care and the Senate Committee on  
21       Health and Welfare regarding the progress of the health care system in



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1 improving the patient experience of care for individuals encountering lengthy  
2 emergency departments waits for admission for inpatient psychiatric treatment.  
3 The report shall include an assessment of the services offered to these patients  
4 in emergency departments and the extent to which stakeholder input is  
5 included in decisions about services and patient care. The report shall include  
6 the most recent data pertaining to patient length of stay in emergency  
7 departments due to a lack of appropriate alternative mental health level 1 or  
8 step-down bed placements, and any changes anticipated in the inventory of  
9 level 1 or step-down beds system wide.

10 Sec. E.314.2 29 V.S.A. § 821 is amended to read:

11 § 821. STATE FACILITIES

12 (a) State buildings.

13 \* \* \*

14 (15) “River Valley Therapeutic Residence” shall be the name of the  
15 secure residential recovery facility in Essex.

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. E.316 PARENT CHILD CENTER GRANT

18 (a) The Department for Children and Families shall, within the  
19 administration of the grant for parent child centers and in consultation with the  
20 parent child centers, seek to ensure that services are targeted to families most  
21 at risk of having young children come into State custody. The shared goal of

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1 preventing that outcome and bringing Vermont’s rate of young children  
2 coming into State custody down to a level more consistent with other states  
3 experience, shall be reflected in the grant agreement.

4 Sec. E.317 33 V.S.A. § 5126 is added to read:

5 § 5126. PLACEMENT OF A CHILD INTO A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL  
6 TREATMENT PROGRAM

7 (a) Within 60 days of the start of a placement of a child into a qualified  
8 residential treatment program by the Commissioner, the Family Division of the  
9 Superior Court or the Judicial Master shall review the assessment,  
10 determination, and documentation provided by the qualified individual  
11 conducting the assessment required pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 675a. The court or  
12 Judicial Master shall determine whether the needs of the child can be met  
13 through placement with family members, in a foster family home, or in another  
14 approved setting designed to meet specialized needs. If placement in a setting  
15 described above is not appropriate, the court or Judicial Master shall consider  
16 whether placement of the child in a qualified residential treatment program  
17 provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the  
18 least restrictive environment, and whether such a placement is consistent with  
19 the short- and long-term goals for the child, as specified in the case plan for the  
20 child.

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1        (b) The court or Judicial Master shall approve or disapprove the placement  
2 in a qualified residential treatment program based on the factors considered in  
3 subsection (a) of this section and make written findings as to the basis for the  
4 determination. The decision and findings shall be submitted to the parties.

5        (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the Commissioner’s  
6 authority to place a child who is in the Commissioner’s legal custody in a  
7 family home or a treatment, rehabilitative, detention, or educational facility or  
8 institution as provided in subdivision 5106(4) of this title.

9        (d) This section shall not apply to children placed in a setting that is  
10 intended for the detention of minors.

11        Sec. E.318 REPEAL

12        2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.318.7 is repealed.

13        Sec. E.318.1 CHILD CARE CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANTS

14        (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.318 of this act, \$800,000 is  
15 allocated for the purpose of expanding infant and toddler child care capacity.

16        (b) The Child Development Division shall award grants to eligible  
17 applicants. An eligible applicant shall:

18                (1) be a new or existing regulated, privately owned center-based child  
19 care program or family child care home in good regulatory standings;

20                (2) participate in Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP);

21                (3) provide year-round, full day child care and early learning services;



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1 policy changes to the Step Ahead Recognition System (STARS) to the House  
2 Committee on Human Services and the Senate Committee on Health and  
3 Welfare. The Division’s presentation shall summarize its proposed changes to  
4 STARS, including any anticipated impacts on child care providers and  
5 families. ~~Any requested policy changes to STARS and related appropriations~~  
6 ~~requests shall require legislative approval through the budget process pursuant~~  
7 ~~to 32 V.S.A. chapter 7, subchapter 3.~~

8 Sec. E.318.4 ~~BRIGHT FUTURES INFORMATION SYSTEM CHILD~~  
9 ~~DEVELOPMENT DIVISION INFORMATION SYSTEM;~~  
10 ~~MODERNIZATION; CHILD CARE FINANCIAL~~  
11 ~~ASSISTANCE PROGRAM~~

12 (a) On or before January 1, 2024, or six months after both the  
13 modernization of the ~~Bright Futures Information System (BFIS) Child~~  
14 Development Division Infomration System (CDDIS) pursuant to 2021 Acts  
15 and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 5 and the implementation of the corresponding  
16 eligibility changes to the Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP)  
17 pursuant to 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 45, Sec. 2 have taken effect,  
18 whichever is first occurring, the Department for Children and Families shall  
19 submit a written report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
20 Human Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on  
21 Health and Welfare evaluating the effectiveness of the ~~BFIS CDDIS~~

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1 modernization project and the CCFAP eligibility changes. The report shall  
2 address how implementation of ~~BFIS~~ CDDIS and CCFAP changes impact the  
3 availability and affordability of child care throughout Vermont.

4 Sec. E.321 [Deleted.]

5 Sec. E.321.1 ~~[Deleted.]~~ GENERAL ASSISTANCE HOUSING; ADVERSE

6 WEATHER CONDITIONS

7 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families may, by policy, provide  
8 temporary housing for a limited duration in adverse weather conditions when  
9 appropriate shelter space is not available.

10 Sec. E.324 EXPEDITED CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

11 (a) The Commissioner for Children and Families or designee may authorize  
12 crisis fuel assistance to those income-eligible households that have applied for  
13 an expedited seasonal fuel benefit but have not yet received it if the benefit  
14 cannot be executed in time to prevent them from running out of fuel. The  
15 crisis fuel grants authorized pursuant to this section count toward the one crisis  
16 fuel grant allowed per household for the winter heating season pursuant to  
17 33 V.S.A. § 2609(b).

18 Sec. E.325 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE

19 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

20 (a) Of the funds appropriated in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$12,699,440 shall be  
21 granted to community agencies for homeless assistance by preserving existing

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1 services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide.

2 These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency

3 Solutions Grants funds. Funds shall be administered in consultation with the

4 Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness.

5 Sec. E.325.1 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING; RULEMAKING

6 (a) Notwithstanding 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 54(c)(1), the

7 Department for Children and Families may withdraw its permanent rule filing

8 and shall file a second emergency rule to be effective upon the expiration of

9 the Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules (22-E07), adopted by the

10 Department on March 31, 2022 and effective until September 28, 2022. The

11 Department shall be deemed to have met the emergency rulemaking criteria in

12 3 V.S.A. § 844 if a second emergency rule that is substantially similar to the

13 Transitional Housing Program Emergency Rules (22-E07) is adopted. The

14 Department shall file permanent rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 if the

15 availability of federal ERAP funding extends beyond March 31, 2023.

16 (b) Prior to filing a second emergency rule pursuant to this section, the

17 Department shall:

18 (1) send a draft of the second emergency rule to the Joint Fiscal

19 Committee 30 days prior to its September 2022 meeting;

20 (2) present the second emergency rule and an update on the funding

21 forecast for the transitional housing program at the Joint Fiscal Committee's

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1 September 2022 meeting and consider any input and recommendations offered  
2 by the Joint Fiscal Committee; and

3 (3) inform the General Assistance working group described in 2021  
4 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Secs. E.321 and E.321.2 of any inconsistencies  
5 between the first and second emergency rules and consider any input on the  
6 changes offered by the working group.

7 Sec. E. 326 DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES – OFFICE  
8 OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY – WEATHERIZATION  
9 ASSISTANCE

10 (a) Of the Special Fund appropriation in Sec. B.326 of this act, \$750,000 is  
11 for the replacement and repair of home heating equipment.

12 Sec. E.329 [Deleted.]

13 ~~Sec. E.334 ADULT DAY PAYMENT REFORM – ALTERNATIVE~~  
14 ~~———— PAYMENT METHODOLOGY ———— REPORT~~

15 ~~(a) On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner for Vermont~~  
16 ~~Health Access and the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent~~  
17 ~~Living shall submit a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and~~  
18 ~~the Senate Committee on Appropriations on the status of implementing an~~  
19 ~~alternative payment model for the Adult Day providers. This new payment~~  
20 ~~model should be designed to stabilize the financial well-being of the Adult Day~~  
21 ~~providers.~~



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1 Sec. E.334 SPECIFIC HOME- AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE  
2 PROVIDER RATE STUDY; REPORT

3 (a) The Department of Vermont Health Access, in collaboration with the  
4 Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall conduct a  
5 rate study of the Medicaid reimbursement rates paid for adult day, adult day  
6 rehabilitation, personal care and homemaker services.

7 (b) On or before February 15, 2023, the Department of Vermont Health  
8 Access shall report the results of its rate study to the House Committees on  
9 Human Services and on Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Health  
10 and Welfare and on Appropriations.

11 Sec. E.334.1 LONG TERM CARE - PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE  
12 INCREASE

13 (a) The amount of the State supplement for Medicaid beneficiaries who  
14 reside in a nursing home and receive Supplemental Security Income shall  
15 increase by 10% to the degree practicable effective January 1, 2023 but no  
16 later than January 1, 2024.

17 (b) This amount will be adjusted subsequently by an inflationary factor.  
18 The Agency of Human Services shall adopt rules specifying the inflation factor  
19 methodology.

20 Sec. E.335 CORRECTIONS APPROPRIATIONS; UNEXPENDED FUNDS  
21 TRANSFER; REPORT

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1        (a) In fiscal year 2023, the Secretary of Administration may, upon  
2 recommendation of the Secretary of Human Services, transfer unexpended  
3 funds between the respective appropriations for correctional services;  
4 provided, however, that no transfer shall be made from correctional services  
5 out-of-state beds. At least three days prior to any such transfer being made, the  
6 Secretary of Administration shall report the intended transfer to the Joint Fiscal  
7 Office and shall report any completed transfers to the Joint Fiscal Committee  
8 at its next scheduled meeting.

9        (b) In fiscal year 2023, any unexpended funds for correctional services out-  
10 of-state beds shall be carried forward to fiscal year ~~2023-2024~~, and the amount  
11 reported to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee in September  
12 ~~2022-2023~~, to support community-based service programs. Funds may only be  
13 expended on community-based service programs upon approval of the Joint  
14 Legislative Justice Oversight Committee. [The House Committees on](#)  
15 [Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees](#)  
16 [on Appropriations and on Judiciary shall be notified of any proposed](#)  
17 [expenditures on community-based service programs.](#)

18        (c) Any funds expended on community-based service programs pursuant to  
19 subsection (b) of this section shall be included in the subsequent year  
20 Department of Corrections budget for the same purpose at the same amount.

21        Sec. E.335.1 [Deleted]

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1 Sec. E.335.2 28 V.S.A. § 125 is added to read:

2 § 125. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II INITIATIVES; REPORT

3 (a) On or before January 15 each year, the Commissioner of Corrections  
4 shall submit a report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on  
5 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and  
6 on Judiciary with:

7 (1) a breakdown and description of General Fund expenditures for the  
8 following Justice Reinvestment II initiatives to date:

9 (A) Department of Corrections funding for domestic violence  
10 intervention programming;

11 (B) Department of Corrections funding for transitional housing  
12 capacity;

13 (C) funding for the Department of Correction's data collection  
14 Offender Management System;

15 (D) any funding in the Department of Mental Health for community-  
16 based mental health and substance use services for individuals under  
17 Department of Corrections supervision; and

18 (E) any funding provided to court diversion and restorative justice  
19 programs, and any Justice Reinvestment II funding, shall be reported in context  
20 of other baseline funding sources provided to these programs.

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1           ~~(2) A description of any other General Fund expenditures for Justice~~  
2 ~~Reinvestment II initiatives not described in subdivision (1) of this subsection~~  
3 ~~to date.~~

4           ~~(3) The annual budget shall include the total amount requested for any~~  
5 ~~proposed expenditures by the Department of Corrections for Justice~~  
6 ~~Reinvestment II initiatives supporting community based programs.~~

7           ~~(b) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall~~  
8 ~~not apply to the report to be made under this section.~~

9           ~~(a) On or before January 15 each year, the Commissioner of Corrections, in~~  
10 ~~consultation with the Commissioners of Health, Mental Health and Children~~  
11 ~~and Families and Attorney General shall submit a report to the House~~  
12 ~~Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the~~  
13 ~~Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary detailing the~~  
14 ~~expenditures on Justice Reinvestment II and related initiatives.~~

15           ~~(A) funding for domestic violence intervention programming in the~~  
16 ~~Department of Corrections.~~

17           ~~(B) funding for offender transitional housing capacity with the~~  
18 ~~Department of Corrections and other departments.~~

19           ~~(C) funding for the Department of Correction's data collection~~  
20 ~~Offender Management System.~~



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1 Education Programs (IEPs). These services are intended to increase access to  
2 quality health care for uninsured persons, underinsured persons, and Medicaid  
3 beneficiaries.

4 Sec. E.500.1 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 14 is amended to read:

5 Sec. 14. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

6 (a) Sec. E.500.1 of 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, as amended,  
7 requires that not later than July 1, 2022 all Vermont supervisory unions,  
8 supervisory districts, school districts, and independent technical center districts  
9 utilize the same ~~shared school district data management system~~ Shared School  
10 District Data Management System (~~eFinancePlus~~) (SSDDMS), which shall be  
11 selected by the Agency of Education per State procurement guidelines.

12 (b) The purpose of Secs. 15–17 of this act is to:

13 (1) extend the deadline to December 31, ~~2022~~ 2024 for statewide  
14 adoption of ~~eFinancePlus~~ SSDDMS;

15 (2) pause until ~~January 1, 2022~~ July 1, 2023 the further implementation  
16 of ~~eFinancePlus~~ SSDDMS to provide time for further evaluation of the system,  
17 provided that:

18 (A) the Agency of Education and its contractor for implementation of  
19 the system shall continue to support users of the system; and

20 (B) a supervisory union, supervisory district, school district, or  
21 independent technical center district ~~that does not use the system~~ may ~~join an~~

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1 ~~implementation round offered by the Agency of Education~~ implement or leave  
2 SSDDMS during the pause period after consultation with the Agency of  
3 Education and upon approval by its governing body; and

4 \* \* \*

5 Sec. E.500.2 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 15 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 15. 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.500.1, as  
7 amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. E.500.5, is further  
8 amended to read:

9 Sec. E.500.1. SHARED SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL DATA

10 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

11 (a) Not later than December 31, ~~2022~~ 2024, all Vermont supervisory  
12 unions, supervisory districts, school districts, and independent technical center  
13 districts shall utilize the same school finance and financial data management  
14 system. The system shall be selected by the Agency of Education per State  
15 procurement guidelines.

16 \* \* \*

17 Sec. E.500.3 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 16. PAUSE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SHARED SCHOOL  
19 DISTRICT FINANCIAL DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

20 Notwithstanding Sec. E.500.1 of 2018 (Sp. Sess.) Acts and Resolves  
21 No. 11, as amended, the implementation of the Shared School District Data

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1 Management System (SSDDMS) shall be paused until ~~January 1, 2022~~  
2 July 1, 2023, provided that:

3 (1) the Agency of Education and its contractor for implementation of the  
4 system shall continue to support users, as of the date of enactment of this act,  
5 of the system; and

6 (2) a supervisory union, supervisory district, school district, or  
7 independent technical center district ~~that does not use the system may join an~~  
8 ~~implementation round offered by the Agency of Education~~ implement or leave  
9 SSDDMS during the pause period after consultation with the Agency of  
10 Education and upon approval by its governing body.

11 Sec. E.500.4 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 17 is amended to read:

12 Sec. 17. AGENCY OF EDUCATION; REPORTS

13 (a) On or before June 30, 2021 and quarterly thereafter until  
14 March 31, ~~2023~~ 2025, the Agency of Education shall provide a written report  
15 to the General Assembly and the Vermont Association of School Business  
16 Officials on the status of improving and implementing the Shared School  
17 District Data Management System, including the status of:

18 \* \* \*

19 Sec. E.500.5 AGENCIES OF EDUCATION AND OF DIGITAL SERVICES;

20 JOINT REPORT ON THE SHARED SCHOOL DISTRICT

21 DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM





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1 (g) Duties of the Working Group.

2 (1) The Working Group shall review standards for student performance  
3 adopted by the State Board of Education under 16 V.S.A. § 164(9) and, on or  
4 before December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022, recommend to the State Board updates and  
5 additional standards to recognize fully the history, contributions, and  
6 perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups. These recommended  
7 additional standards shall be designed to:

8 \* \* \*

9 (h) Reports.

10 \* \* \*

11 (3) The Working Group shall, on or before ~~December 31, 2022~~  
12 June 30, 2023, submit a report to the General Assembly that includes:

13 \* \* \*

14 (i) Duties of the State Board of Education. The Board of Education shall,  
15 on or before ~~December 31, 2022~~ June 30, 2023, consider adopting ethnic and  
16 social equity studies standards into standards for student performance adopted  
17 by the State Board under 16 V.S.A. § 164(9) for students in prekindergarten  
18 through grade 12, taking into account the report submitted by the Working  
19 Group under subdivision (g)(1) of this section.

20 Sec. E. 500.7 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 66, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

21 \* \* \*

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1 (c) Any unused portion of these appropriations shall, as of July 1, ~~2022~~  
2 2023, revert to the General Fund.

3 \* \* \* Amendment to S.287, when enacted \* \* \*

4 Sec. E. 500.7 Subdivision (d)(1) of Sec. 4, amendment to 16 V.S.A. § 4010;  
5 determination of weighted long-term membership and per pupil education  
6 spending, of S.287 as enacted is amended to read:

7 (1) The Secretary shall first apply grade level weights. Each pupil  
8 included in long-term membership ~~from subsection (b) of this section~~ shall  
9 count as one, multiplied by the following amounts:

10 (A) prekindergarten—negative 0.54;

11 (B) grades six through eight—0.36; and

12 (C) grades nine through 12—0.39.

13 Sec. E.500.8 Subdivision (b)(1) of Sec. 7, calculation of tax rates; tax rate  
14 review; fiscal years 2025–2029; of S.287 as enacted is amended to read:

15 (b)(1) In order to determine which school districts shall be subject to a Tax  
16 Rate Review, the Secretary of Education shall calculate the fiscal year 2024  
17 per pupil education spending, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 4001(14) as in effect  
18 on July 1, 2024, of each school district subject to subsection (a) of this section  
19 as though the funding formula created under this act applied to fiscal year  
20 2024. In fiscal year 2025, if a school district’s per pupil education spending  
21 calculated using the funding formula created under this act increases by

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1 10 percent or more over the school district’s fiscal year 2024 per pupil  
2 education spending as calculated by the Secretary under this subsection, then  
3 the school district shall be subject to a Tax Rate Review. In fiscal years 2026–  
4 2029, if a school district’s per pupil education spending calculated using the  
5 funding formula created under this act increases by 10 percent or more over the  
6 school district’s prior fiscal year per pupil education spending, then the school  
7 district shall be subject to a Tax Rate Review. Upon request of the Secretary, a  
8 school district shall submit its budget to a Tax Rate Review to determine  
9 whether its increase in per pupil education spending was beyond the school  
10 district’s control or for other good cause. In conducting the Review, the  
11 Secretary shall select three business managers and three superintendents to  
12 serve in an advisory role in the Review. The Review shall consider the extent  
13 to which the increase in per pupil education spending is caused by at least the  
14 following factors:

15 (A) ~~the extent to which the increase in per pupil education spending~~  
16 ~~is caused by declining enrollment in the school district; and declining~~  
17 enrollment in the school district;

18 (B) ~~the extent to which the increase in per pupil education spending~~  
19 ~~is caused by increases in tuition paid by the school district;~~

20 (C) costs associated with facilities improvements required to protect  
21 the health and safety of students, teachers, and staff; and

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1           (D) new State and federal requirements.

2           Sec. E.500.9 Sec. 15, evaluation and reporting on implementation of act, of  
3           S.287 as enacted is amended to read:

4           Sec. 15. EVALUATION AND REPORTING ON IMPLEMENTATION OF  
5           ACT

6           (a) The Joint Fiscal Office shall design and contract for an evaluation of the  
7           impact of the changes required under this act in achieving the goals under  
8           Sec. 2 of this act. ~~On or before December 15, 2029, the Joint Fiscal Office~~  
9           ~~shall submit to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House~~  
10           ~~Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance its~~  
11           ~~written evaluation report. In order to maintain independence, the Joint Fiscal~~  
12           ~~Office shall not contract with an individual who has consulted on, or~~  
13           ~~contracted to provide services in relation to, the Pupil Weighting Factors~~  
14           ~~Report dated December 24, 2019 or the December 17, 2021 report prepared in~~  
15           ~~accordance with 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 59.~~

16           (b) The contractor shall consult with the Joint Fiscal Office and the Agency  
17           of Education to determine appropriate metrics such as Vermont Education  
18           Quality Standards and other common educational standards; standardized test  
19           scores, graduation rates, and other student performance measures; student  
20           health and wellness measures; budget and finance measures; teacher and staff  
21           compensation comparisons; and educational opportunity comparisons across

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1 school districts. The evaluation shall be conducted using rigorous and  
2 objective standards for fiscal and educational program review.

3 (c) On or before December 15, 2029, the Joint Fiscal Office shall submit to  
4 the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on  
5 Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance its written evaluation  
6 report.

7 Sec. E.501 AGENCY OF EDUCATION; ESSER III FUND PLAN

8 (a) The following sums are appropriated from the ESSER III funds  
9 provided to the State pursuant to Sec. 2001(f) of the American Rescue Plan  
10 Act of 2021 to the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2023:

11 (A 1) \$2,852,234 for Evidence-Based Summer Programming for the  
12 implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs and to ensure  
13 such programs respond to students' academic, social, and emotional needs and  
14 address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on the student  
15 populations described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the Elementary and  
16 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students  
17 experiencing homelessness, and children and youth in foster care.

18 (B 2) \$2,852,234 for Evidence-Based Afterschool Programming for  
19 the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive afterschool programs,  
20 and to ensure such programs respond to students' academic, social, and  
21 emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus on

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1 the student populations described in section 1111(b)(2)(B)(xi) of the  
2 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
3 6311(b)(2)(B)(xi)), students experiencing homelessness, and children and  
4 youth in foster care.

5 (~~E~~ 3) \$1,352,170 to address lost instructional time due to COVID-19  
6 in accordance with 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 28 to support literacy with a  
7 specific prioritization for the implementation of 2018 Acts and Resolves  
8 No. 173.

9 (~~D~~ 4) \$1,130,586 for meeting other needs as determined by the State  
10 educational agency (AOE) to address issues in responding to COVID-19. This  
11 may include the implementation of a facilities planning grant program per  
12 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 72.

13 Sec. E.502 EDUCATION – SPECIAL EDUCATION: FORMULA GRANTS

14 (a) Of the appropriation authorized in Sec. B.502 of this act, and  
15 notwithstanding any other provision of law, an amount not to exceed  
16 \$4,073,400 shall be used by the Agency of Education in fiscal year 2023 as  
17 funding for 16 V.S.A. § 2967(b)(2)–(6). In distributing such funds, the  
18 Secretary shall not be limited by the restrictions contained within 16 V.S.A.  
19 § 2969(c) and (d).

20 Sec. E.504.1 EDUCATION – FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS

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1        (a) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$2,100,000 from the  
2        Education Fund shall be distributed to school districts for reimbursement of  
3        high school completion services pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 943(c).

4        (b) Notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 4025(b), of this Education Fund  
5        appropriation, the amount of:

6            (1) \$~~996,500~~ 921,500 is available for dual enrollment programs  
7        notwithstanding 16 V.S.A. § 944(f)(2);

8            (2) \$1,800,000 is available to support the Vermont Virtual High School;

9            (3) \$400,000 is available for secondary school reform grants; and

10          (4) \$3,000,000 is available for Early College pursuant to 16 V.S.A.  
11        § 4011(e).

12        (c) Of the appropriation in Sec. B.504 of this act, \$~~996,500~~ 921,500 from  
13        the General Fund is available for dual enrollment programs.

14        Sec. E.514 STATE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

15        (a) In accordance with 16 V.S.A. § 1944(g)(2), and consistent with system  
16        changes enacted for fiscal year 2023 in the 2022 session, the annual  
17        contribution to the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) shall be  
18        \$194,161,651 of which \$187,273,782 shall be the State's contribution and  
19        \$6,887,869 shall be contributed from local school systems or educational  
20        entities pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 1944c.





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1 complying with State matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of  
2 available federal or private funds, or both.

3 Sec. E.602 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES

4 (a) The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall issue warrants to  
5 pay 1/12 of the appropriation in Sec. B.602 of this act to the Vermont State  
6 Colleges on or about the 15th day of each calendar month of the year.

7 (b) Of this appropriation, \$427,898 shall be transferred to the Vermont  
8 Manufacturing Extension Center for the purpose of complying with State  
9 matching fund requirements necessary for the receipt of available federal or  
10 private funds, or both.

11 Sec. E.603 VERMONT STATE COLLEGES – ALLIED HEALTH

12 (a) If Global Commitment fund monies are unavailable, the total grant  
13 funding for the Vermont State Colleges shall be maintained through the  
14 General Fund or other State funding sources.

15 (b) The Vermont State Colleges shall use the Global Commitment funds  
16 appropriated in Sec. B.603 of this act to support the dental hygiene, respiratory  
17 therapy, and nursing programs that graduate approximately 315 health care  
18 providers annually. These graduates deliver direct, high-quality health care  
19 services to Medicaid beneficiaries or uninsured or underinsured persons.

20 Sec. E.605 VERMONT STUDENT ASSISTANCE CORPORATION



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1 purposes to fund a flat-rate, need-based stipend or voucher program for  
2 financially needy students enrolled in a dual enrollment course pursuant to  
3 16 V.S.A. § 944 or in early college pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 946 to be used for  
4 the purchase of books, cost of transportation, and payment of fees. VSAC  
5 shall establish the criteria for program eligibility. Funds shall be granted to  
6 eligible students on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

7 (b) VSAC shall report on the program to the House Committees on  
8 Appropriations and on Commerce and Economic Development and to the  
9 Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Economic Development,  
10 Housing and General Affairs on or before January 15, 2023.

11 ~~Sec. E.700–10 V.S.A. § 1389(d)(3) is amended to read:~~

12 ~~(3) The Clean Water Board shall:~~

13 ~~\*\*\*~~

14 ~~(E) solicit, consult with, and accept public comment from~~  
15 ~~organizations interested in improving water quality in Vermont regarding~~  
16 ~~recommendations under this subsection (d) for the allocation of funds from the~~  
17 ~~Clean Water Fund; and~~

18 ~~(F) recommend capital appropriations for the permanent protection of~~  
19 ~~land and waters from future development through conservation and water~~  
20 ~~quality projects; and~~



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1 Sportsman’s Association (VASA) for development and maintenance of a  
2 Statewide ATV Trail Program, for trail liability insurance, and to contract for  
3 law enforcement services with any constable, sheriff’s department, municipal  
4 police department, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of  
5 Fish and Wildlife for purposes of trail compliance pursuant to this chapter.  
6 The Departments of Public Safety and of Fish and Wildlife are authorized to  
7 contract with VASA to provide these law enforcement services. The Agency  
8 of Natural Resources The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation shall  
9 retain for its use up to \$7,000.00 during each fiscal year to be used for  
10 administration of this Program.

11 \* \* \*

12 Sec. E.709 10 V.S.A. § 1283(g)(3) is amended to read:

13 (3) “Release” means any intentional or unintentional action or omission  
14 resulting in the spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying,  
15 dumping, or disposing of hazardous materials into the surface or groundwaters,  
16 or onto the lands in the State, or into waters outside the jurisdiction of the State  
17 when damage may result to the public health, lands, waters, or natural  
18 resources within the jurisdiction of the State. “Release” also means the  
19 intentional or unintentional action or omission resulting in the spilling, leaking,  
20 emission, or disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from building  
21 materials in ~~a building or structure~~ public schools and approved and recognized

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1 independent schools, as those terms are defined in 16 V.S.A. § 11, that were  
2 constructed or renovated before 1980.

3 Sec. E.709.1 10 V.S.A. § 6602(17) is amended to read:

4 (17) “Release” means any intentional or unintentional action or  
5 omission resulting in the spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting,  
6 emptying, dumping, or disposing of hazardous materials into the surface or  
7 groundwaters, or onto the lands in the State, or into waters outside the  
8 jurisdiction of the State when damage may result to the public health, lands,  
9 waters, or natural resources within the jurisdiction of the State. “Release” also  
10 means the intentional or unintentional action or omission resulting in the  
11 spilling, leaking, emission, or disposal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)  
12 from building materials in ~~a building or structure~~ public schools and approved  
13 and recognized independent schools, as those terms are defined in 16 V.S.A.  
14 § 11, that were constructed or renovated before 1980.

15 Sec. E.709.2 REPORT ON REGULATION OF PCB RELEASES FROM  
16 BUILDING MATERIALS IN NONSCHOOL BUILDINGS

17 On or before January 15, 2023, the Secretary of Natural Resources shall  
18 submit to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Natural Resources  
19 and Energy and the House Committees on Appropriations and on Natural  
20 Resources, Fish, and Wildlife a report regarding the indoor air quality testing

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1 of buildings for releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from building  
2 materials. The report shall include:

3 (1) a proposal for the best method for regulating releases of PCBs from  
4 PCB-containing building materials in non-school buildings;

5 (2) a proposal of who will be required to test for a release or potential  
6 release of PCBs from building materials, including whether and how testing  
7 will be required under the Brownfields Reuse and Environmental Liability  
8 Limitation Program or as part of an environmental assessment for a property  
9 transaction;

10 (3) a summary of when during a corrective action or property  
11 transaction testing would be required and why it would be required;

12 (4) the standard or standards that would be utilized to determine if a  
13 release occurred;

14 (5) the action or remediation that would be required if PCBs are  
15 identified in excess of the proposed standard;

16 (6) how responsive action or remediation would be funded, including  
17 potential federal or State sources of funding; and

18 (7) how the requirement to test may affect investment in the  
19 redevelopment of historic downtowns or similar areas.

20 \* \* \* Transportation \* \* \*

21 Sec. E.903 MULTI-AGENCY INVESTMENTS IN ELECTRIC VEHICLE



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1 SUPPLY EQUIPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE

2 (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

3 (1) “Area median income” means the county or Metropolitan Statistical  
4 Area median income published by the federal Department of Housing and  
5 Urban Development.

6 (2) “Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)” has the same meaning  
7 as in 30 V.S.A. § 201.

8 (3) “Level 1 charger” or “level 1 EVSE” means EVSE that plugs  
9 directly into a standard 120-volt AC outlet and supplies an average output of  
10 1.3 to 2.4 kilowatts.

11 (4) “Level 2 charger” or “level 2 EVSE” means galvanically connected  
12 EVSE with a single-phase input voltage range from 208 to 240 volts AC and a  
13 maximum output current less than or equal to 80 amperes AC.

14 (5) “Level 3 charger,” “level 3 EVSE,” or “direct-current fast charger  
15 (DCFC),” means EVSE that uses dedicated direct current (DC) to provide  
16 energy to a plug-in electric vehicle.

17 (6) “Multiunit affordable housing” means a multiunit dwelling where:

18 (A) at least 50 percent of the units are or will be occupied by  
19 households whose income does not exceed 100 percent of the greater of the  
20 State or area median income; or

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1           (B) all units are affordable to households earning between 60 and  
2           120 percent of area median income.

3           (7) “Multiunit dwelling” means a housing project, such as cooperatives,  
4           condominiums, dwellings, or mobile home parks, with three or more units  
5           constructed or maintained on a tract or tracts of land.

6           (8) “Workplace” means a place where an individual works.

7           (b) Housing, employers, and public venues and attractions.

8           (1) In fiscal year 2023, \$10,000,000 is appropriated in Sec. G.600 (b) of  
9           this act to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development to support  
10          the following:

11           (A) one or more grant programs, which may build upon the existing  
12          EVSE Grant Program, to support the continued buildout of level 1 and 2 EVSE  
13          at multiunit dwellings, including multiunit affordable housing, with less than  
14          20 units prioritized and not less than 30 percent of the total appropriation, less  
15          the administration expenses allowed under subsection (d c) of this section,  
16          allocated to this purpose;

17           (B) one or more grant programs, which may build upon the existing  
18          EVSE Grant Program, to support the continued buildout of level 1 and 2 EVSE  
19          at private workplaces, with the workplaces of employers with fewer than 100  
20          employees prioritized;

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1           (C) one or more grant programs, which may build upon the existing  
2 EVSE Grant Program, to support the continued buildout of level 1, 2, and 3  
3 EVSE at public venues and attractions, such as parks, State parks and access  
4 areas, downtowns, museums, and ski mountains, that are available to any  
5 member of the public; and

6           (D) the purchase and installation of level 1 and 2 EVSE that is  
7 available to the public at State workplaces or to provide grants to persons for  
8 the purchase and installation of level 1 and 2 EVSE that is available to the  
9 public at State workplaces, or both.

10           (2) If the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, in  
11 consultation with the EVSE Interagency Workgroup, determines that  
12 programmatic funding remains available following the first round of grant  
13 awards made under subdivision (1) of this subsection, then the balance of the  
14 \$10,000,000 shall be awarded in grants that prioritize placing EVSE at  
15 multiunit affordable housing and workplaces of employers with fewer than 100  
16 employees.

17           (c) Administration costs. The Agency of Commerce and Community  
18 Development may use up to 15 percent of the appropriation in subsection (b)  
19 of this section for administrative costs associated with installing EVSE at  
20 multiunit housing, workplaces, and public venues and attractions.

21           (d) Carryforward; deployment in fiscal year 2023.



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1       ~~(1) This act funds in fiscal year 2023 the provisions of the collective~~  
2 ~~bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees’~~  
3 ~~Association for the Defender General, Non-Management, Supervisory, and~~  
4 ~~Corrections bargaining units; for the State’s Attorneys’ offices bargaining unit;~~  
5 ~~and for the Judicial bargaining unit, and between the State and the Vermont~~  
6 ~~Troopers’ Association, that apply during the period of July 1, 2022 through~~  
7 ~~June 30, 2023.~~

8       ~~(2) These collective bargaining agreements provide during that fiscal~~  
9 ~~year 2023 period a cost of living adjustment of three percent, an average 1.9~~  
10 ~~percent step increase, and a \$1,500 one-time payment to individuals employed~~  
11 ~~as of January 1, 2023.~~

12       ~~(b) Other permitted fiscal year 2023 increases. In fiscal year 2021, the~~  
13 ~~Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may extend the fiscal year 2023~~  
14 ~~provisions of the collective bargaining agreements that are funded by this act~~  
15 ~~to employees not covered by the bargaining agreements as they determine to~~  
16 ~~be appropriate and in accordance with the appropriations provided to each~~  
17 ~~branch.~~

## 18       ~~Sec. F.200 FISCAL YEAR 2023 PAY ACT APPROPRIATIONS~~

19       ~~(a) Executive Branch. In fiscal year 2023, the fiscal year 2023 provisions~~  
20 ~~of the collective bargaining agreements between the State of Vermont and the~~  
21 ~~Vermont State Employees’ Association for the Defender General, Non-~~

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1 ~~Management, Supervisory, and Corrections bargaining units, and, for the~~  
2 ~~purpose of appropriation, the State's Attorneys' offices bargaining unit, for the~~  
3 ~~period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; the collective bargaining~~  
4 ~~agreement with the Vermont Troopers' Association, for the period of~~  
5 ~~July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023; and salary increases for employees in the~~  
6 ~~Executive Branch not covered by the bargaining agreements shall be funded as~~  
7 ~~follows:~~

8 ~~(1) General Fund. The amount of \$22,847,453 is appropriated from the~~  
9 ~~General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to~~  
10 ~~departments to fund the fiscal year 2023 compensation increases permitted by~~  
11 ~~this act.~~

12 ~~(2) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$1,502,420 is appropriated~~  
13 ~~from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration for~~  
14 ~~distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public~~  
15 ~~Safety to fund the fiscal year 2023 compensation increases permitted by this~~  
16 ~~act.~~

17 ~~(3) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional spending~~  
18 ~~authority to departments through the existing process of excess receipts to fund~~  
19 ~~the fiscal year 2023 compensation increases permitted by this act. The~~  
20 ~~estimated amounts are \$35,494,376 from special fund, federal, and other~~  
21 ~~sources.~~



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1 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the  
2 period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The collective bargaining  
3 agreements for classified employees provide in fiscal year 2023 an average  
4 1.9 percent step increase and 3.0 percent across-the-board increase for a total  
5 of a 4.9 percent increase, plus a one-time cash payment of \$1,500.00.

6 (b) Fiscal year 2024. This act fully funds the second year of the collective  
7 bargaining agreements between the State and the Vermont State Employees'  
8 Association and the State and the Vermont Troopers' Association for the  
9 period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The collective bargaining  
10 agreements for classified employees provide in fiscal year 2024 an average 1.9  
11 percent step increase and 2.0 percent across-the-board increase for a total of a  
12 3.9 percent increase, plus a one-time cash payment of \$1,000.00.

13 \* \* \* Exempt Employees; Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 \* \* \*

14 Sec. F.101 EXEMPT EMPLOYEES; PERMITTED SALARY INCREASES;  
15 FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024

16 (a) Fiscal year 2023. Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may  
17 extend the fiscal year 2023 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements  
18 that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining  
19 agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the  
20 appropriations provided to each branch.



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1       (b) Fiscal year 2024. Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches may  
2 extend the fiscal year 2024 provisions of the collective bargaining agreements  
3 that are funded by this act to employees not covered by the bargaining  
4 agreements as they determine to be appropriate and in accordance with the  
5 appropriations provided to each branch.

6       Sec. F.102 EXECUTIVE BRANCH; EXEMPT AGENCY AND  
7               DEPARTMENT HEADS, DEPUTIES, AND EXECUTIVE  
8               ASSISTANTS; ANNUAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT AND  
9               OR BONUS

10       (a) Fiscal year 2023. For purposes of determining annual salary  
11 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)  
12 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to classified employees  
13 under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2023,  
14 4.9 percent.

15       (b) Fiscal year 2024. For purposes of determining annual salary  
16 adjustments, special salary increases, and bonuses under 32 V.S.A. §§ 1003(b)  
17 and 1020(b), “the average rate of adjustment available to classified employees  
18 under the collective bargaining agreement” shall be, in fiscal year 2024,  
19 3.9 percent.

20               \* \* \* Executive Branch; Miscellaneous Statutory Salaries;

21                               Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 \* \* \*

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1 Sec. F.103 32 V.S.A. § 1003 is amended to read:

2 § 1003. STATE OFFICERS

3 (a) Each elective officer of the Executive Department is entitled to an  
4 annual salary as follows:

	<del>Annual</del>	<del>Annual</del>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
	<del>January 5,</del>	<del>July 4,</del>	<u>July 3,</u>	<u>July 2,</u>
	<del>2020</del>	<del>2021</del>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
10 Governor	<del>\$184,113</del>	<del>\$191,754</del>	<u>\$201,150</u>	<u>\$208,995</u>
11 Lieutenant Governor	<del>78,153</del>	<del>81,396</del>	<u>\$85,384</u>	<u>\$88,714</u>
12 Secretary of State	<del>116,745</del>	<del>121,590</del>	<u>\$127,548</u>	<u>\$132,522</u>
13 State Treasurer	<del>116,745</del>	<del>121,590</del>	<u>\$127,548</u>	<u>\$132,522</u>
14 Auditor of Accounts	<del>116,745</del>	<del>121,590</del>	<u>\$127,548</u>	<u>\$132,522</u>
15 Attorney General	<del>139,790</del>	<del>145,591</del>	<u>\$152,725</u>	<u>\$158,681</u>

16 (b) The Governor may appoint each officer of the Executive Branch listed  
17 in this subsection at a starting salary ranging from the base salary stated for  
18 that position to a salary that does not exceed the maximum salary unless  
19 otherwise authorized by this subsection. The maximum salary for each  
20 appointive officer shall be 50 percent above the base salary. Annually, the  
21 Governor may grant to each of those officers an annual salary adjustment

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1 subject to the maximum salary. The annual salary adjustment granted to  
 2 officers under this subsection shall not exceed the average rate of adjustment  
 3 available to classified employees under the collective bargaining agreement  
 4 then in effect. In addition to the annual salary adjustment specified in this  
 5 subsection, the Governor may grant a special salary increase subject to the  
 6 maximum salary, or a bonus, to any officer listed in this subsection whose job  
 7 duties have significantly increased, or whose contributions to the State in the  
 8 preceding year are deemed especially significant. Special salary increases or  
 9 bonuses granted to any individual shall not exceed the average rate of  
 10 adjustment available to classified employees under the collective bargaining  
 11 agreement then in effect.

12 (1) Heads of the following Departments and Agencies:

13		<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>	<u>Base</u>
14		<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
15		<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
16		<u>January 5,</u>	<u>July 4,</u>	<u>July 3,</u>	<u>July 2,</u>
17		<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
18	(A) Administration	\$111,332	\$115,952	\$121,634	\$126,378
19	(B) Agriculture,				
20	Food and Markets	111,332	115,952	\$121,634	\$126,378

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1	(C) Financial				
2	Regulation	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
3	(D) Buildings and				
4	General Services	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
5	(E) Children and				
6	Families	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
7	(F) Commerce and				
8	Community				
9	Development	<del>111,332</del>	<del>115,952</del>	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
10	(G) Corrections	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
11	(H) Defender				
12	General	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
13	(I) Disabilities,				
14	Aging, and				
15	Independent				
16	Living	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
17	(J) Economic				
18	Development	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
19	(K) Education	<del>111,332</del>	<del>115,952</del>	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
20	(L) Environmental				
21	Conservation	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>

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1	(M) Finance and				
2	Management	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
3	(N) Fish and				
4	Wildlife	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
5	(O) Forests, Parks				
6	and Recreation	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
7	(P) Health	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
8	(Q) Housing and				
9	Community				
10	Development	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
11	(R) Human				
12	Resources	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
13	(S) Human Services	<del>111,332</del>	<del>115,952</del>	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
14	(T) Digital Services	<del>111,332</del>	<del>115,952</del>	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
15	(U) Labor	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
16	(V) Libraries	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
17	(W) Liquor and				
18	Lottery	<del>94,413</del>	<del>98,331</del>	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
19	(X) [Repealed.]				
20	(Y) Mental Health	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
21	(Z) Military	<del>104,079</del>	<del>108,398</del>	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>

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1	(AA) Motor				
2	Vehicles	94,413	98,331	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
3	(BB) Natural				
4	Resources	111,332	115,952	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
5	(CC) Natural				
6	Resources Board				
7	Chair	94,413	98,331	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
8	(DD) Public Safety	104,079	108,398	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
9	(EE) Public Service	104,079	108,398	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
10	(FF) Taxes	104,079	108,398	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
11	(GG) Tourism and				
12	Marketing	94,413	98,331	<u>\$103,149</u>	<u>\$107,172</u>
13	(HH) Transportation	111,332	115,952	<u>\$121,634</u>	<u>\$126,378</u>
14	(II) Vermont Health				
15	Access	104,079	108,398	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>
16	(JJ) Veterans' Home	104,079	108,398	<u>\$113,710</u>	<u>\$118,145</u>

17       (2) ~~The Secretary of Administration may include the Director of the~~  
18 ~~Office of Professional Regulation in any pay plans that may be established~~  
19 ~~under the authority of subsection 1020(c) of this title, provided the minimum~~  
20 ~~hiring rate does not fall below a base salary, as of January 5, 2020 of~~  
21 ~~\$80,041.00 and as of July 4, 2021 of \$83,363.00. [Repealed.]~~

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1 (3) If the Chair of the Natural Resources Board is employed on less than  
2 a full-time basis, the hiring and salary maximums for that position shall be  
3 reduced proportionately.

4 (4) When a permanent employee is appointed to an exempt position, the  
5 Governor may authorize such employee to retain the present salary even  
6 though it is in excess of any salary maximum provided in statute.

7 \* \* \*

8 (d) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of  
9 this section, the Defender General shall not receive compensation in excess of  
10 the compensation established for the Attorney General in this section.

11 (e) Notwithstanding the maximum salary established in subsection (b) of  
12 this section, the maximum salary for the Commissioner of Health shall not  
13 exceed ~~\$150,000.00~~ 100 percent above the base salary for this position.

14 \* \* \* Judicial Branch; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 \* \* \*  
15 Sec. F.104 32 V.S.A. § 1003(c) is amended to read:

16 (c) The officers of the Judicial Branch named in this subsection shall be  
17 entitled to annual salaries as follows:

18	<del>Annual</del>	<del>Annual</del>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
19	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
20	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
1					
2	(1) Chief Justice of				
3	Supreme Court	\$177,203	\$184,557	\$193,600	\$201,150
4	(2) Each Associate				
5	Justice	169,121	176,140	\$184,771	\$191,977
6	(3) Administrative				
7	Judge	169,121	176,140	\$184,771	\$191,977
8	(4) Each Superior				
9	Judge	160,777	167,449	\$175,654	\$182,505
10	(5) [Repealed.]				
11	(6) Each				
12	Magistrate	121,224	126,255	\$132,441	\$137,606
13	(7) Each Judicial				
14	Bureau hearing				
15	officer	121,224	126,255	\$132,441	\$137,606

16 Sec. F.105 32 V.S.A. § 1141 is amended to read:

17 § 1141. ASSISTANT JUDGES

18 (a)(1) Each assistant judge of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive  
19 compensation in the amount of ~~\$185.86~~ \$203.05 a day as of ~~January 5, 2020~~  
20 July 3, 2022 and ~~\$193.57~~ \$210.97 a day as of ~~July 4, 2021~~ 2, 2023 for time  
21 spent in the performance of official duties and necessary expenses as allowed



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1 to classified State employees. Compensation under this section shall be based  
2 on a two-hour minimum and hourly thereafter.

3 (2)(A) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this  
4 section shall be paid by the State except as provided in subdivision (B) of this  
5 subdivision (2).

6 (B) The compensation paid to an assistant judge pursuant to this  
7 section shall be paid by the county at the State rate established in subdivision  
8 (a)(1) of this section when an assistant judge is sitting with a presiding  
9 Superior judge in the Civil or Family Division of the Superior Court.

10 (b) Assistant judges of the Superior Court shall be entitled to receive pay  
11 for such days as they attend court when it is in actual session, or during a court  
12 recess when engaged in the special performance of official duties.

13 Sec. F.106 32 V.S.A. § 1142 is amended to read:

14 § 1142. PROBATE JUDGES

15 (a) The Probate judges in the several Probate Districts shall be entitled to  
16 receive the following annual salaries, which shall be paid by the State in lieu of  
17 all fees or other compensation:

18	<del>Annual</del>	<del>Annual</del>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Annual</u>
19	<del>Salary</del>	<del>Salary</del>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Salary</u>
20	<del>as of</del>	<del>as of</del>	<u>as of</u>	<u>as of</u>
21	<del>January 5,</del>	<del>July 4,</del>	<u>July 3,</u>	<u>July 2,</u>

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	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
1					
2	(1) Addison	\$63,384	\$66,014	<u>\$69,249</u>	<u>\$71,950</u>
3	(2) Bennington	80,127	83,452	<u>\$87,541</u>	<u>\$90,955</u>
4	(3) Caledonia	56,210	58,543	<u>\$61,412</u>	<u>\$63,807</u>
5	(4) Chittenden	133,720	139,269	<u>\$146,093</u>	<u>\$151,791</u>
6	(5) Essex	15,703	16,355	<u>\$17,156</u>	<u>\$17,825</u>
7	(6) Franklin	63,384	66,014	<u>\$69,249</u>	<u>\$71,950</u>
8	(7) Grand Isle	15,703	16,355	<u>\$17,156</u>	<u>\$17,825</u>
9	(8) Lamoille	44,249	46,085	<u>\$48,343</u>	<u>\$50,228</u>
10	(9) Orange	52,620	54,804	<u>\$57,489</u>	<u>\$59,731</u>
11	(10) Orleans	51,425	53,559	<u>\$56,183</u>	<u>\$58,374</u>
12	(11) Rutland	113,613	118,328	<u>\$124,126</u>	<u>\$128,967</u>
13	(12) Washington	87,301	90,924	<u>\$95,379</u>	<u>\$99,099</u>
14	(13) Windham	70,560	73,488	<u>\$77,089</u>	<u>\$80,095</u>
15	(14) Windsor	95,674	99,644	<u>\$104,527</u>	<u>\$108,604</u>

16 (b) Probate judges shall be entitled to be paid by the State for their actual  
17 and necessary expenses under the rules and regulations pertaining to classified  
18 State employees. The compensation for the Probate judge of the Chittenden  
19 District shall be for full-time service.

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1 (c) All Probate judges, regardless of the number of hours worked annually,  
2 shall be eligible to participate in all employee benefits that are available to  
3 exempt employees of the Judicial Department.

4 \* \* \* Sheriffs; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 \* \* \*

5 Sec. F.107 32 V.S.A. § 1182 is amended to read:

6 § 1182. SHERIFFS

7 (a) The sheriffs of all counties except Chittenden shall be entitled to receive  
8 salaries in the amount of ~~\$86,116.00~~ \$94,085 as of ~~January 5, 2020~~ July 3,  
9 2022 and ~~\$89,690.00~~ \$97,754 as of ~~July 4, 2021~~ 2, 2023. The Sheriff of  
10 Chittenden County shall be entitled to an annual salary in the amount of  
11 ~~\$91,133.00~~ \$99,566 as of ~~January 5, 2020~~ July 3, 2022 and ~~\$94,915.00~~  
12 \$103,449 as of ~~July 4, 2021~~ 2, 2023.

13 (b) Compensation under subsection (a) of this section shall be reduced by  
14 10 percent for any sheriff who has not obtained Level III law enforcement  
15 officer certification under 20 V.S.A. § 2358.

16 \* \* \* State’s Attorneys; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024 \* \* \*

17 Sec. F.108 32 V.S.A. § 1183 is amended to read:

18 § 1183. STATE’S ATTORNEYS

19 (a) The State’s Attorneys shall be entitled to receive annual salaries as  
20 follows:

21 Annual Annual Annual Annual

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	Salary	Salary	Salary	Salary	
	as of	as of	as of	as of	
	January 5,	July 4,	July 3,	July 2,	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	
1					
2					
3					
4					
5	(1) Addison County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
6	(2) Bennington				
7	County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
8	(3) Caledonia County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
9	(4) Chittenden County	\$121,782	\$126,836	<u>\$133,051</u>	<u>\$138,240</u>
10	(5) Essex County	\$87,366	\$90,992	<u>\$95,451</u>	<u>\$99,174</u>
11	(6) Franklin County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
12	(7) Grand Isle County	\$87,366	\$90,992	<u>\$95,451</u>	<u>\$99,174</u>
13	(8) Lamoille County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
14	(9) Orange County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
15	(10) Orleans County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
16	(11) Rutland County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
17	(12) Washington				
18	County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
19	(13) Windham County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
20	(14) Windsor County	\$116,486	\$121,320	<u>\$127,265</u>	<u>\$132,228</u>
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1 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2023 collective bargaining agreements and the  
2 requirements of this act.

3 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional  
4 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess  
5 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2023 collective bargaining agreements and the  
6 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$35,872,729.00 from a  
7 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

8 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other  
9 funds, for fiscal year 2023, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from  
10 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the  
11 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be  
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported  
13 by State funds.

14 (2) Fiscal year 2024.

15 (A) General Fund. The amount of \$19,029,823.00 is appropriated  
16 from the General Fund to the Secretary of Administration for distribution to  
17 departments to fund the fiscal year 2024 collective bargaining agreements and  
18 the requirements of this act.

19 (B) Transportation Fund. The amount of \$2,500,000.00 is  
20 appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Secretary of Administration  
21 for distribution to the Agency of Transportation and the Department of Public

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1 Safety to fund the fiscal year 2024 collective bargaining agreements and the  
2 requirements of this act.

3 (C) Other funds. The Administration shall provide additional  
4 spending authority to departments through the existing process of excess  
5 receipts to fund the fiscal year 2024 collective bargaining agreements and the  
6 requirements of this act. The estimated amounts are \$27,500,943.00 from a  
7 special fund, federal funds, and other sources.

8 (D) Transfers. With due regard to the possible availability of other  
9 funds, for fiscal year 2024, the Secretary of Administration may transfer from  
10 the various appropriations and various funds and from the receipts of the  
11 Liquor Control Board such sums as the Secretary may determine to be  
12 necessary to carry out the purposes of this act to the various agencies supported  
13 by State funds.

14 (3) This section shall include sufficient funding to ensure administration  
15 of exempt pay plans authorized by 32 V.S.A. § 1020(c).

16 (b) Judicial Branch.

17 (1) The Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court may extend the  
18 provisions of the Judiciary’s collective bargaining agreement to Judiciary  
19 employees who are not covered by the bargaining agreement.

20 (2) Fiscal year 2023. The first year of the two-year agreements between  
21 the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees’ Association for the

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1 judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023  
2 and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by the  
3 bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of  
4 \$3,217,628.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of  
5 \$287,032.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal  
6 year 2023 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

7 (3) Fiscal year 2024. The second year of the two-year agreements  
8 between the State of Vermont and the Vermont State Employees' Association  
9 for the judicial bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30,  
10 2024 and salary increases for employees in the Judicial Branch not covered by  
11 the bargaining agreements shall be funded as follows: the amount of  
12 \$1,803,013.00 is appropriated from the General Fund and the amount of  
13 \$160,840.00 is provided from other sources to the Judiciary to fund the fiscal  
14 year 2024 collective bargaining agreement and the requirements of this act.

15 (c) Legislative Branch.

16 (1) For the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the General  
17 Assembly including all Legislative Branch employees shall be funded as  
18 follows: the amount of \$985,111.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to  
19 the Legislative Branch.

20 (2) For the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, the General  
21 Assembly including all Legislative Branch employees shall be funded as



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1 follows: the amount of \$776,000.00 is appropriated from the General Fund to  
2 the Legislative Branch.

3 \* \* \* American Rescue Plan Act Appropriations \* \* \*

4 \* \* \* Intent and Other Funding \* \* \*

5 Sec. G.100 MULTIYEAR FUNDING PRIORITIES INTENT

6 (a) The appropriations of ARPA – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
7 Funds in made in Secs. G.300–G.700 of this act by categorical areas are made  
8 consistent with the intent expressed in Sec. G.100 of 2021 Acts and Resolves  
9 No. 74 (the Big Bill), and reiterated in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83,  
10 Sec. 67a. In some cases, other funding sources are included or are referenced  
11 for specific programs or projects providing comprehensive funding by  
12 category. All appropriations of ARPA funds in this act are made only to the  
13 extent permitted by federal law and guidance. Appropriations not expended in  
14 fiscal year 2023 shall carry forward.

15 Sec. G.200 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) - CORONAVIRUS

16 STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SFR)

17 APPROPRIATIONS; REVERSION AND REALLOCATION;

18 REPORTS

19 (a) On or before September 15, 2022 and annually thereafter until  
20 September 15, 2026, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall  
21 submit a report to the Joint Fiscal Committee on the status of all appropriations

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1 made from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFR)  
2 provided to the State from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L.  
3 No. 117-2 (ARPA). The report shall include updates on project eligibility,  
4 obligated funds, actual expenditures, and any compliance or reporting issues.

5 (b) On or before January 15, 2023, the Commissioner of Finance and  
6 Management shall provide an update to the September 15, 2022 ARPA report  
7 described in subsection (a) of this section to the House and Senate Committees  
8 on Appropriations, including recommendations, if any, for reallocation of  
9 ARPA SLFR funds in the fiscal year 2023 budget adjustment act.

10 \* \* \* Economy, Workforce, and Communities \* \* \*

11 Sec. G.300 INVESTMENTS IN VERMONT’S ECONOMY,  
12 WORKFORCE, AND COMMUNITIES

13 (a) \$ ~~28,251,052~~ XXXX in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the  
14 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
15 Funds as follows:

16 (1) \$1,050,000 to the Natural Resources Board, to be used as needed to  
17 prioritize and expedite permitting of ARPA-funded projects, including the  
18 costs of three exempt limited-service positions.

19 ~~(2) \$9,601,052 to the Judiciary as follows:~~

20 ~~(A) \$3,881,500 for the safe reopening of courts; and~~

21 ~~(B) \$5,719,552 for HVAC systems at county courthouses.~~

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1 (2) \$750,000 to the Secretary of State for expenses related to telehealth.

2 (3) \$14,900,000 to the Vermont State Colleges for bridge funding to  
3 transform the system. This includes offsets to continuing costs and impacts  
4 from COVID-19 pandemic.

5 (4) \$2,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families' Economic  
6 Services Division to grant to the Vermont Foodbank to support access to food  
7 for Vermonters with low income.

8 (b) General Fund Workforce Appropriations: In fiscal year 2023,  
9 \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to Vermont Student  
10 Assistance Corp (VSAC) 802 Opportunity Program for increasing the  
11 household income eligibility limit from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

12 ~~(1) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide \$26,900,000 from~~  
13 ~~the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery~~  
14 ~~Funds and the State General Fund to be allocated for workforce, including~~  
15 ~~investment initiatives to address critical needs in nursing and the skilled trades~~  
16 ~~and to provide training opportunities for young adult Vermonters seeking to~~  
17 ~~acquire skills. The specific programs to be funded shall be included in H.703~~  
18 ~~or other legislation passed in the 2022 legislative session.~~

19 (c) Community Economic Development. ~~\$11,800,000~~ \$12,000,000 is  
20 appropriated in fiscal year 2023 from the General Fund for community base  
21 economic development initiatives as follows:

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1           (1) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
2 the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Economic Collaborative (VOREC)  
3 Community Grant Program.

4           (2) \$6,000,000 to the Department of Economic Development for the  
5 remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites.

6           (3) \$800,000 to the ~~Department of Motor Vehicles Agency of~~  
7 Transportation to grant to the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers (VAST)  
8 as follows:

9                   (A) \$50,000 for the VAST for the Law Enforcement and Safety  
10 Program.

11                   (B) \$750,000 for the VAST Equipment Grant-in-Aid Program.

12           ~~(4) Other Economic Development initiatives are included in H.159,~~  
13 ~~which provides funding from the General Fund and ARPA sources totaling~~  
14 ~~\$84,500,000 and includes funding initiatives related to wage replacement for~~  
15 ~~COVID-impacted employers, supplemental unemployment funding, assistance~~  
16 ~~programs for businesses and arts and culture organizations that demonstrate~~  
17 ~~pandemic losses, and a time limited increase in a downtown development tax~~  
18 ~~credit.~~

19           (4) \$400,000.00 to the Agency of Transportation in fiscal year 2023, in  
20 addition to other funds appropriated to the Agency of Transportation under this  
21 act, for the purpose of payment of fees under 10 V.S.A. chapter 151 to mitigate

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1 development of primary agricultural soils at the Franklin County State Airport  
2 and for payment of attendant permitting costs for the development at the  
3 airport. The funds appropriated under this section shall be used solely to  
4 address development on the acreage at the Franklin County State Airport under  
5 the control of the Agency of Transportation at the time of the effective date of  
6 this section.

7 (d) \$16,400,000 to the Department of Libraries from the Coronavirus  
8 Capital Projects Fund provided to the State from the American Rescue Plan  
9 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-217 (ARPA), for the Libraries Capital Project for  
10 capital improvements to libraries, including Americans with Disabilities Act  
11 compliance, space renovations for improved Internet access for telehealth  
12 appointments and job interviews, and general building renovations.

13 \* \* \* Addressing Homelessness, Housing Insecurity and Increasing the Stock  
14 of Low- and Moderate-Income Housing \* \* \*

15 Sec. G.400 HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENTS

16 (a) \$~~40,000,000~~ 30,000,000 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation  
17 Board (VHCB) in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the American Rescue  
18 Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the to provide  
19 affordable mixed-income rental housing and homeownership units,  
20 improvements to manufactured homes and communities, recovery residences  
21 and, if determined eligible, housing available to farm workers and refugees.

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1 VHCB shall also use the funds for shelter and permanent homes for those  
2 experiencing homelessness in consultation with the Secretary of Human  
3 Services. These funds shall carry forward into fiscal year 2024.

4 (b) Additional funding for housing investments of \$10,000,000 through  
5 VHCB are included in Sec. C.102 of this act contingent upon fiscal year 2022  
6 revenue. Other legislation of the 2022 session allocates \$40,000,000 of ARPA  
7 funds for other housing development programs. of \$20,000,000 is included in  
8 S.226 through the Department of Housing and Community Development for  
9 affordable rental unit development and for program to reduce single family  
10 housing costs for middle income families.

11 \* \* \* Broadband Connectivity and Technology

12 Modernization Investments \* \* \*

13 Sec. G.500 BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY INVESTMENTS

14 (a) \$95,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 to the Department of  
15 Public Service, Vermont Community Broadband Board from the American  
16 Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund in order to support the  
17 State's goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable  
18 broadband. This appropriation shall be transferred to the Vermont Community  
19 Broadband Fund to make grants through the Broadband Construction Grant  
20 Program. To the greatest extent possible and for the purpose of maximizing  
21 the availability of federal funds for State broadband projects, the ARPA

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1 ~~monies appropriated in this subsection shall be used first to fund any match~~  
2 ~~requirements applicable to broadband grants funded by the Infrastructure~~  
3 ~~Investment and Jobs Act of 2021.~~

4 ~~(b) \$1,600,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation from the~~  
5 ~~Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund provided to the State from the American~~  
6 ~~Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-217 (ARPA), for the Parks~~  
7 ~~Connectivity Project to improve reliability, performance, and support Internet~~  
8 ~~connectivity services to all State parks.~~

9 ~~Sec. G.501 STATE TECHNOLOGY MODERNIZATION INVESTMENTS~~

10 ~~(a) \$25,250,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2023 from American Rescue~~  
11 ~~Plan Act—Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds as follows:~~

12 ~~(1) \$20,250,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Core~~  
13 ~~System Modernization Phase II.~~

14 ~~(2) \$5,000,000 to the Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance~~  
15 ~~modernization project.~~

16 ~~(b) To the extent that American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)—Coronavirus~~  
17 ~~State Fiscal Recovery Funds are available as a result of the provision specified~~  
18 ~~in 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 53(b)(6), \$25,000,000 shall be~~  
19 ~~appropriated to the Department of Labor for the completion of the Department~~  
20 ~~of Labor Unemployment Insurance modernization project.~~

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1     \* \* \* Weatherization and Other Climate Change Mitigation Investments \* \* \*

2     Sec. G.600 CLIMATE ACTION INVESTMENTS

3         (a) In fiscal year 2023, \$129,760,000 is appropriated from the American  
4     Rescue Plan Act - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds for climate change  
5     mitigation initiatives as follows:

6             (1) \$45,000,000 to the Department for Children and Families, Office of  
7     Economic Opportunity, Home Weatherization Assistance Program to be used  
8     in fiscal years 2023 and 2024. Households approved for assistance in this  
9     section will also be offered services outlined in subdivision (4) of this  
10    subsection.

11            (2) \$35,000,000 to the Department of Public Service to grant to  
12    Efficiency Vermont for the purpose of weatherization incentives to Vermonters  
13    with a moderate income. These funds shall be deposited in the Electric  
14    Efficiency Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 209(d)(3) and shall be available  
15    for use by Efficiency Vermont through December 31, 2024. Households  
16    approved for assistance in this section will also be offered services outlined in  
17    subdivision (4) of this subsection.

18            (3) \$2,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation to support the continued  
19    build-out of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure along highway  
20    networks.



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1           (4) \$25,000,000 to the Department of Public Service, of which  
2 \$20,000,000 is to provide financial and technical assistance for Vermonters  
3 with low- and moderate-income to upgrade home electrical systems to enable  
4 installation of energy saving technologies, and \$5,000,000 is to establish a  
5 “Switch and Save” program to provide financial and technical assistance for  
6 Vermonters with low and moderate income to install, at low-or no-cost, heat  
7 pump water heaters, with a focus on replacing water heaters near the end of  
8 their useful life and serving households participating in the electrical system  
9 upgrades described in this subsection.

10           (5) \$2,000,000 to the Department of Public Service for load  
11 management and storage efforts to assist Vermonters with low and moderate  
12 income customers to purchase electric equipment for heating, cooling, and  
13 vehicle charging. In addition, investments will be made in load control and  
14 management platforms to enable smaller municipal and cooperative utilities to  
15 capture and share benefits of load management and funding for municipal  
16 back-up electricity storage installations. [The same use of funds shall apply to](#)  
17 [\\$5,000,000 of the funds appropriated in Sec. G. 600 \(a\)\(5\) in No.74 of 2021](#)  
18 [Acts and Resolves.](#)

19           (6) \$15,000,000 to improve landscape resilience and mitigate flood  
20 hazards to be allocated as follows:

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1           (A) \$14,750,000 to the Department of Public Safety, Division of  
2 Emergency Management, for a State-level buyout program for flood-  
3 vulnerable parcels; and

4           (B) \$250,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation to  
5 provide technical assistance to the statewide hazard mitigation program.

6           (7) \$4,760,000 to the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets to  
7 provide farms in Vermont with financial assistance for the implementation of  
8 soil-based practices that improve soil quality and nutrient retention, increase  
9 crop production, minimize erosion potential, and reduce agricultural waste  
10 discharges. Assistance may take the form of programs that provide education,  
11 training, or instruction to farmers.

12           (8) \$1,000,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
13 the Urban and Community Forestry (UCF) Program to plant up to 5,000 trees  
14 to improve air quality and reduce heat island effects in urban areas in  
15 accordance with UCF program standards for design, planting, and  
16 maintenance.

17           (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund  
18 and \$500,000 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle  
19 charging infrastructure, electrification incentives and public transportation  
20 investments as follows:

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1 (1) \$10,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community

2 Development to install at dwellings, workplaces, community venues and  
3 attractions in accordance with Sec. E.903 of this act.

4 (1) \$10,000,000 to the Agency of Commerce and Community

5 Development to install level 1, 2, and 3 EVSE at dwellings, workplaces, and  
6 community attractions in accordance with Sec. E.903 of this act.

7 (2) \$12,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the Incentive

8 Program for New PEVs, established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59,  
9 Sec. 34, as amended.

10 (3) \$2,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the public-private

11 partnership with Drive Electric Vermont to support the expansion of the plug-  
12 in electric vehicle market in the State.

13 (4) \$3,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to the

14 Community Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program,  
15 established in 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

16 (5) \$3,000,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the Replace Your

17 Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as  
18 amended.

19 (6) \$2,200,000 general funds and \$~~500,000~~ 550,000 Transportation

20 funds to the Agency of Transportation for the following:

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1           (A) \$1,200,000 general funds for transit agencies to, as practicable  
2 and in the sole discretion of the transit agencies, operate routes other than  
3 commuter and LINK Express on a zero-fare basis and provide service at pre-  
4 COVID-19 levels; and

5           (B) \$1,000,000 general funds and \$500,000 Transportation funds to  
6 continue administering the Mobility and Transportation Innovation (MTI)  
7 Grant program to support projects that improve both mobility and access to  
8 services for transit-dependent Vermonters, reduce the use of single-occupancy  
9 vehicles, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

10           (C) \$50,000 Transportation funds to the Agency of Transportation for  
11 electric bicycle incentives.

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13           (c) In fiscal year 2023, \$8,000,000 is appropriated from the General  
14 Fund to the Department of Public Service to offer up to 70 percent  
15 reimbursement to municipal and cooperative electrical distribution utilities for  
16 the implementation of one or more systems of Advanced Metering  
17 Infrastructure that has been approved by the Public Utility Commission.

18           (d) Additional funding of \$35,000,000 is included H.518 from ARPA  
19 resources for a Municipal Energy Resilience Grant Program.



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1           (A) \$15,000,000 to support the design and construction of  
2 community-scale water or decentralized wastewater projects, or both, to  
3 support underserved designated centers;

4           (B) \$5,000,000 to provide financial assistance to municipalities,  
5 Vermont businesses, and nonprofit entities to install or enhance pretreatment  
6 processes to address high strength or toxic wastes that otherwise require  
7 treatment at municipal expense by publicly owned treatment facilities; and

8           (C) \$10,000,000 to municipalities with small and primarily  
9 residential customer bases to upgrade or replace existing water or wastewater  
10 treatment systems that are at risk of failure.

11           (3) \$20,000,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation to  
12 assist municipalities to design and construct projects to reduce or eliminate wet  
13 weather sewer overflows.

14           (4) \$~~13,000,000~~ 23,000,000 to make repairs or improvements to water  
15 and wastewater systems in Vermont homes to be allocated as follows:

16           (A) \$6,500,000 to the Department of Environmental Conservation for  
17 improving water/wastewater systems at coop-owned or nonprofit mobile home  
18 parks (MHPs);

19           (B) \$~~5,000,000~~ 15,000,000 to the Department of Environmental  
20 Conservation to replace failed on-site wastewater and water supplies for

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1 Vermonters with low income or who are unable to access or afford market rate  
2 loans; and

3 (C) \$1,500,000 to the Department of Housing and Community  
4 Development to update leaking service lines, old plumbing, and replacing  
5 outdated fixtures (sinks, toilets, dishwashers, laundry) with high-efficiency  
6 devices.

7 Sec. G.701 APPROPRIATIONS: OFFSET CAPITAL BILL FUNDED

8 PROJECTS BY SWAP TO ARPA

9 (a) Fiscal year 2022. \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the  
10 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
11 Funds to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for forestry access  
12 road water quality improvements.

13 (b) Fiscal year 2023. \$5,236,781 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from  
14 the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) - Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery  
15 Funds for projects authorized in the fiscal year 2023 Capital Budget  
16 Adjustment Act. as follows:

17 (1) \$600,000 to the Department of Buildings and General Services for  
18 three-acre parcel stormwater planning, design, and implementation;

19 (2) \$300,000 to the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for  
20 State parks major maintenance;





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1 Sec. G.800 ARPA FUNDED LIMITED-SERVICE POSITIONS

2 (a) The establishment of the following 23 new classified limited-service  
3 positions is authorized in fiscal year 2023.

4 (1) Agency of Administration: one Grants Manager.

5 (2) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets: two Water Quality  
6 Program Coordinators.

7 (3) Public Service Department:

8 (A) one Administrative Services Coordinator;

9 (B) one Outreach Coordinator;

10 (C) one Grants Manager;

11 (D) one Financial Manager; and

12 (E) one Program Coordinator.

13 (4) Vermont Community Broadband Board:

14 (A) one Fiscal and Federal Reporting Specialist;

15 (B) one Rural Broadband Technical Specialist;

16 (C) one Business Office Manager; and

17 (D) one Digital Equity Office Manager.

18 (E) Vermont Community Broadband Board: one Fiber Optics  
19 Engineer.

20 (5) Natural Resources Board:

21 (A) two District Coordinators; and

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1           (B) one Executive Director.

2           (6) Agency of Human Services, Office of Economic Opportunity:

3           (A) one Senior Energy Services Program Officer; and

4           (B) two Energy Services Program Officers.

5           (7) Department of Labor: three Program Technicians.

6           (8) Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Forests, Parks and

7 Recreation: one Environmental Analyst III.

8           (9) Agency of Natural Resources, Central Office: one Environmental

9 Analyst III.

10          (10) Agency of Transportation:

11          (A) one Grants Management Specialist; and

12          (B) one Grants Manager.

13          (11) Department of Libraries

14          (A) one Grants Administrator

15          (B) on Buildings Project Manager II

16          (12) Agency of Commerce and Community Development,

17          (A) one Community Affairs Planning Coordinator;

18          (B) two Grants Management Specialist;

19          (C) one Agency of Transportation Environmental Specialist 1; and

20          (D) one Historic Resource Specialist.

21          Sec. G.801 APPROPRIATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS



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1 Branch; Ex;empt Employees, Misc. Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Year 2024),  
2 Secs. F.104–106 (Judicial Branch; Statutory Salaries, Fiscal Year 2024); Sec.  
3 F.107 (Sheriffs, Statutory Salaries, Fiscal Year 2024); Sec. F.108 (State’s  
4 Attorney’s; Statutory Salaries; Fiscal Year 2024); and Secs. F.109(a)(2),  
5 F.109(b)(3) and F.109(c)(2) (Appropriations; Fiscal Year 2024) shall take  
6 effect on July 1, 2023.

7 (e) Sec. E.500.7–500.9 of this act shall be effective as of the date of  
8 enactment of S.287 (2022).

9 (f) All remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

10 And by renumbering all the sections of the bill to be numerically correct  
11 (including internal references) and adjusting all of the totals to be  
12 arithmetically correct.

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