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2 An act relating to fiscal year 2026 budget adjustments

3 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

4 Sec. 1. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.125 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.125 Legislative counsel

6	Personal services	4,589,480	5,309,541
7	Operating expenses	<u>286,936</u>	<u>286,936</u>
8	Total	4,876,416	5,596,477

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	4,876,416	<u>5,596,477</u>
11	Total	4,876,416	5,596,477

12 Sec. 2. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.126 is amended to read:

13 Sec. B.126 Legislature

14	Personal services	8,457,653	7,620,986
15	Operating expenses	<u>5,329,448</u>	<u>5,329,448</u>
16	Total	13,787,101	12,950,434

17 Source of funds

18	General fund	13,787,101	<u>12,950,434</u>
19	Total	13,787,101	12,950,434

20 Sec. 3. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.127 is amended to read:

21 Sec. B.127 Joint fiscal committee

1	Personal services	2,959,862	3,076,468
2	Operating expenses	<u>197,907</u>	<u>197,907</u>
3	Total	3,157,769	3,274,375
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	<u>3,157,769</u>	<u>3,274,375</u>
6	Total	3,157,769	3,274,375
7	Sec. 4. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.137 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.137 Homeowner rebate		
9	Grants	<u>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
10	Total	19,000,000	17,500,000
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>19,000,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
13	Total	19,000,000	17,500,000
14	Sec. 5. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.138 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.138 Renter rebate		
16	Grants	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
17	Total	9,500,000	11,000,000
18	Source of funds		
19	General fund	<u>9,500,000</u>	<u>11,000,000</u>
20	Total	9,500,000	11,000,000

2 Sec. B.139 Tax department - reappraisal and listing payments

4	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
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6	General fund	3,410,000	0
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8	Total	3,410,000	3,410,000
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10 Sec. B.145 Total general government

12	General fund	140,473,564	137,063,564
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13	Transportation fund	4,542,959	4,542,959
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14	Special funds	34,043,313	37,453,313
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15	Federal funds	1,273,020	1,273,020
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16	Internal service funds	209,117,870	209,117,870
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17	Interdepartmental transfers	9,219,740	9,219,740
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18	Enterprise funds	4,427	4,427
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19	Pension trust funds	5,260,363	5,260,363
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20	Private purpose trust funds	<u>1,382,916</u>	<u>1,382,916</u>
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21	Total	405,318,172	405,318,172
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1 Sec. 8. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.204 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.204 Judiciary

3 Personal services	64,512,754	65,071,320
4 Operating expenses	13,865,672	13,865,672
5 Grants	<u>121,030</u>	<u>121,030</u>
6 Total	78,499,456	79,058,022

7 Source of funds

8 General fund	72,601,728	73,160,294
9 Special funds	1,997,094	1,997,094
10 Federal funds	1,560,412	1,560,412
11 Interdepartmental transfers	<u>2,340,222</u>	<u>2,340,222</u>
12 Total	78,499,456	79,058,022

13 Sec. 9. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.207 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.207 Sheriffs

15 Personal services	6,092,392	6,240,913
16 Operating expenses	<u>446,237</u>	<u>481,237</u>
17 Total	6,538,629	6,722,150

18 Source of funds

19 General fund	6,538,629	<u>6,722,150</u>
20 Total	6,538,629	6,722,150

1 Sec. 10. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.208 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.208 Public safety - administration

3	Personal services	6,289,651	6,289,651
4	Operating expenses	6,380,415	6,380,415
5	Grants	<u>278,285</u>	<u>278,285</u>
6	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

7 Source of funds

8	General fund	7,630,863	8,390,863
9	Special funds	4,105	4,105
10	Federal funds	1,089,155	1,089,155
11	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,224,228</u>	<u>3,464,228</u>
12	Total	12,948,351	12,948,351

13 Sec. 11. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.209 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.209 Public safety - state police

15	Personal services	83,279,417	84,145,179
16	Operating expenses	16,733,452	16,733,452
17	Grants	<u>1,813,523</u>	<u>1,813,523</u>
18	Total	101,826,392	102,692,154

19 Source of funds

20	General fund	87,421,532	88,287,294
21	Special funds	3,223,793	3,223,793

1	Federal funds	9,734,790	9,734,790
2	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,446,277</u>	<u>1,446,277</u>
3	Total	101,826,392	102,692,154
4	Sec. 12. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.210 is amended to read:		
5	Sec. B.210 Public safety - criminal justice services		
6	Personal services	5,116,729	5,686,729
7	Operating expenses	<u>2,098,944</u>	<u>2,098,944</u>
8	Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
9	Source of funds		
10	General fund	1,929,676	2,499,676
11	Special funds	4,483,740	4,483,740
12	Federal funds	<u>802,257</u>	<u>802,257</u>
13	Total	7,215,673	7,785,673
14	Sec. 13. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.215 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.215 Military - administration		
16	Personal services	1,142,600	1,142,600
17	Operating expenses	810,661	810,661
18	Grants	<u>1,219,834</u>	<u>933,121</u>
19	Total	3,173,095	2,886,382
20	Source of funds		

1	General fund	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
2	Total	<u>3,173,095</u>	<u>2,886,382</u>
3	Sec. 14. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.221 is amended to read:		
4	Sec. B.221 Criminal justice council		
5	Personal services	<u>2,508,514</u>	<u>2,808,514</u>
6	Operating expenses	<u>2,142,603</u>	<u>2,142,603</u>
7	Total	<u>4,651,117</u>	<u>4,951,117</u>
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	<u>4,260,265</u>	<u>4,560,265</u>
10	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>390,852</u>	<u>390,852</u>
11	Total	<u>4,651,117</u>	<u>4,951,117</u>
12	Sec. 15. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.236 is amended to read:		
13	Sec. B.236 Human rights commission		
14	Personal services	<u>1,243,420</u>	<u>1,175,647</u>
15	Operating expenses	<u>142,164</u>	<u>142,164</u>
16	Total	<u>1,385,584</u>	<u>1,317,811</u>
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	<u>1,292,811</u>	<u>1,317,811</u>
19	Federal funds	<u>92,773</u>	<u>0</u>
20	Total	<u>1,385,584</u>	<u>1,317,811</u>

1 Sec. 16. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.240 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.240 Cannabis control board

3	Personal services	4,466,288	4,466,288
4	Operating expenses	2,053,382	2,683,532
5	Grants	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
6	Total	6,529,670	7,159,820

7 Source of funds

8	Special funds	6,529,670	<u>7,159,820</u>
9	Total	6,529,670	7,159,820

10 Sec. 17. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.241 is amended to read:

11 Sec. B.241 Total protection to persons and property

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	279,384,152	282,360,288
14	Special funds	121,247,670	121,877,820
15	Tobacco fund	685,239	685,239
16	Federal funds	239,445,060	239,352,287
17	ARRA funds	6,627	6,627
18	Interdepartmental transfers	17,289,829	16,529,829
19	Enterprise funds	<u>17,847,569</u>	<u>17,847,569</u>
20	Total	675,906,146	678,659,659

2 Sec. B.300 Human services - agency of human services - secretary's office

4	Operating expenses	11,231,120	7,199,632
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6	Total	32,359,720	28,328,232
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8	General fund	15,569,598	13,465,739
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10	Federal funds	14,023,964	12,096,335
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11	Global Commitment fund	2,510,857	2,510,857
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12	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>119,784</u>	<u>119,784</u>
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13	Total	32,359,720	28,328,232
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15 Sec. B.301 Secretary's office - global commitment

17	Total	2,207,280,248	2,267,099,358
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19	General fund	712,815,861	730,091,238
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21	Tobacco fund	21,049,373	21,049,373
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1	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
2	Federal funds	1,406,003,180	1,448,546,913
3	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>4,997,210</u>	<u>4,997,210</u>
4	Total	2,207,280,248	2,267,099,358

5 Sec. 20. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.306 is amended to read:

6 Sec. B.306 Department of Vermont health access - administration

7	Personal services	142,860,018	148,653,725
8	Operating expenses	36,310,876	37,434,661
9	Grants	<u>3,112,301</u>	<u>3,112,301</u>
10	Total	182,283,195	189,200,687

11 Source of funds

12	General fund	43,820,359	46,204,011
13	Special funds	4,760,237	4,760,237
14	Federal funds	126,141,154	130,644,944
15	Global Commitment fund	4,382,601	4,412,651
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>3,178,844</u>	<u>3,178,844</u>
17	Total	182,283,195	189,200,687

18 Sec. 21. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.307 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.307 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -

20 global commitment

1	Grants	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
2	Total	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
3	Source of funds		
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
5	Total	<u>979,554,012</u>	<u>1,009,246,202</u>
6	Sec. 22. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.309 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.309 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid program -		
8	state only		
9	Grants	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
10	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>62,133,605</u>	<u>64,539,070</u>
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,471,838</u>	<u>5,125,398</u>
14	Total	<u>67,605,443</u>	<u>69,664,468</u>
15	Sec. 23. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.310 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.310 Department of Vermont health access - Medicaid non-waiver		
17	matched		
18	Grants	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>
19	Total	<u>44,034,870</u>	<u>44,593,047</u>
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	<u>13,467,770</u>	<u>13,636,779</u>

1	Federal funds	<u>30,567,100</u>	<u>30,956,268</u>
2	Total	44,034,870	44,593,047

3 Sec. 24. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.311 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.311 Health - administration and support

5	Personal services	9,163,996	9,163,996
6	Operating expenses	8,043,463	9,006,777
7	Grants	<u>7,985,727</u>	<u>7,985,727</u>
8	Total	25,193,186	26,156,500

9 Source of funds

10	General fund	4,298,710	4,780,367
11	Special funds	2,423,587	2,423,587
12	Federal funds	10,954,085	11,435,742
13	Global Commitment fund	7,361,523	7,361,523
14	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>155,281</u>	<u>155,281</u>
15	Total	25,193,186	26,156,500

16 Sec. 25. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.312 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.312 Health - public health

18	Personal services	71,272,453	71,272,453
19	Operating expenses	10,371,654	10,371,654
20	Grants	48,496,832	<u>48,541,832</u>
21	Total	130,140,939	130,185,939

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	15,160,817	15,505,817
3	Special funds	25,398,124	25,398,124
4	Tobacco fund	1,088,918	1,088,918
5	Federal funds	64,355,699	64,355,699
6	Global Commitment fund	18,457,507	18,157,507
7	Interdepartmental transfers	5,654,874	5,654,874
8	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
9	Total	130,140,939	130,185,939
10	Sec. 26. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.314 is amended to read:		
11	Sec. B.314 Mental health - mental health		
12	Personal services	12,456,526	13,271,526
13	Operating expenses	2,420,029	2,522,590
14	Grants	279,691,678	<u>282,916,053</u>
15	Total	294,568,233	298,710,169
16	Source of funds		
17	General fund	13,127,716	15,280,378
18	Special funds	6,836	6,836
19	Federal funds	13,158,032	12,800,308
20	Global Commitment fund	266,967,840	269,314,838

1	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,307,809</u>	<u>1,307,809</u>
2	Total	294,568,233	298,710,169

3 Sec. 27. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.315 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.315 Department of mental health - mental health facilities

5	Personal services	40,937,117	41,323,934
6	Operating expenses	<u>3,393,946</u>	<u>3,393,946</u>
7	Total	44,331,063	44,717,880
8	Source of funds		
9	General fund	18,868,124	18,698,157
10	Special funds	1,711,256	1,711,256
11	Global Commitment fund	<u>23,751,683</u>	<u>24,308,467</u>
12	Total	44,331,063	44,717,880

13 Sec. 28. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.316 is amended to read:

14 Sec. B.316 Department for children and families - administration & support
15 services

16	Personal services	50,609,972	50,609,972
17	Operating expenses	17,876,453	20,719,611
18	Grants	<u>5,914,175</u>	<u>5,914,175</u>
19	Total	74,400,600	77,243,758
20	Source of funds		
21	General fund	43,680,871	46,217,414

1	Special funds	2,954,500	2,954,500
2	Federal funds	24,518,288	24,824,903
3	Global Commitment fund	2,780,636	2,780,636
4	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>466,305</u>	<u>466,305</u>
5	Total	74,400,600	77,243,758

6 Sec. 29. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.317 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.317 Department for children and families - family services

8	Personal services	49,175,153	49,175,153
9	Operating expenses	5,497,038	5,497,038
10	Grants	100,541,760	<u>101,623,888</u>
11	Total	155,213,951	156,296,079

12 Source of funds

13	General fund	63,680,993	63,041,558
14	Special funds	729,150	729,150
15	Federal funds	37,407,542	38,588,277
16	Global Commitment fund	53,381,266	53,922,094
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
18	Total	155,213,951	156,296,079

19 Sec. 30. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.318 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.318 Department for children and families - child development

1	Personal services	6,563,807	6,563,807
2	Operating expenses	783,604	783,604
3	Grants	<u>227,780,727</u>	<u>227,344,739</u>
4	Total	235,128,138	234,692,150
5	Source of funds		
6	General fund	61,267,870	61,267,870
7	Special funds	115,409,671	115,409,671
8	Federal funds	42,924,133	42,924,133
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>15,526,464</u>	<u>15,090,476</u>
10	Total	235,128,138	234,692,150
11	Sec. 31. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.320 is amended to read:		
12	Sec. B.320 Department for children and families - aid to aged, blind and		
13	disabled		
14	Personal services	<u>2,558,460</u>	2,514,961
15	Grants	<u>10,418,567</u>	<u>10,225,103</u>
16	Total	12,977,027	12,740,064
17	Source of funds		
18	General fund	7,470,372	7,352,839
19	Global Commitment fund	<u>5,506,655</u>	<u>5,387,225</u>
20	Total	12,977,027	12,740,064

1 Sec. 32. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.321 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.321 Department for children and families - general assistance

3	Personal services	15,000	15,000
4	Grants	<u>10,415,779</u>	<u>10,674,625</u>
5	Total	<u>10,430,779</u>	10,689,625

6 Source of funds

7	General fund	<u>10,189,157</u>	10,492,643
8	Federal funds	11,098	11,098
9	Global Commitment fund	<u>230,524</u>	<u>185,884</u>
10	Total	<u>10,430,779</u>	10,689,625

11 Sec. 33. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.323 is amended to read:

12 Sec. B.323 Department for children and families - reach up

13	Operating expenses	23,821	23,821
14	Grants	<u>36,532,863</u>	<u>34,302,585</u>
15	Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406

16 Source of funds

17	General fund	<u>24,035,417</u>	21,805,139
18	Special funds	<u>5,970,229</u>	6,106,068
19	Federal funds	<u>2,806,330</u>	2,670,491
20	Global Commitment fund	<u>3,744,708</u>	<u>3,744,708</u>
21	Total	<u>36,556,684</u>	34,326,406

1 Sec. 34. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.325 is amended to read:

2 Sec. B.325 Department for children and families - office of economic
3 opportunity

4 Personal services	1,376,425	1,646,237
5 Operating expenses	159,458	159,458
6 Grants	<u>39,165,356</u>	<u>41,022,744</u>
7 Total	40,701,239	42,828,439

8 Source of funds

9 General fund	32,312,474	34,312,474
10 Special funds	83,135	83,135
11 Federal funds	5,118,329	5,118,329
12 Global Commitment fund	<u>3,187,301</u>	<u>3,314,501</u>
13 Total	40,701,239	42,828,439

14 Sec. 35. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.327 is amended to read:

15 Sec. B.327 Department for children and families - secure residential
16 treatment

17 Personal services	258,100	258,100
18 Operating expenses	38,775	38,775
19 Grants	<u>3,476,862</u>	<u>5,376,862</u>
20 Total	3,773,737	5,673,737

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	3,743,737	5,643,737
2	Global Commitment fund	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
3	Total	3,773,737	5,673,737

4 Sec. 36. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.329 is amended to read:

5 Sec. B.329 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - administration &
6 support

7	Personal services	48,973,454	48,973,454
8	Operating expenses	<u>6,544,338</u>	<u>6,856,716</u>
9	Total	55,517,792	55,830,170

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	25,692,412	25,848,601
12	Special funds	1,390,457	1,390,457
13	Federal funds	27,258,639	27,414,828
14	Global Commitment fund	110,000	110,000
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,066,284</u>	<u>1,066,284</u>
16	Total	55,517,792	55,830,170

17 Sec. 37. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.330 is amended to read:

18 Sec. B.330 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - advocacy and
19 independent living grants

20	Grants	<u>24,909,492</u>	<u>25,100,975</u>
21	Total	24,909,492	25,100,975

1	Source of funds		
2	General fund	8,585,909	8,779,020
3	Federal funds	7,321,114	7,191,114
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>9,002,469</u>	<u>9,130,841</u>
5	Total	24,909,492	25,100,975

6 Sec. 38. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.333 is amended to read:

7 Sec. B.333 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - developmental
8 services

9	Grants	<u>349,987,467</u>	<u>351,175,948</u>
10	Total	349,987,467	351,175,948

11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	132,732	132,732
13	Special funds	15,463	15,463
14	Federal funds	403,573	403,573
15	Global Commitment fund	349,385,699	350,574,180
16	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
17	Total	349,987,467	351,175,948

18 Sec. 39. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.334 Disabilities, aging, and independent living - TBI home and
20 community based waiver

1	Grants	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
2	Total	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
3	Source of funds		
4	Global Commitment fund	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
5	Total	<u>7,540,256</u>	<u>7,544,967</u>
6	Sec. 40. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.334.1 is amended to read:		
7	Sec. B.334.1 Disabilities, aging and independent living - long term care		
8	Grants	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
9	Total	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
10	Source of funds		
11	General fund	498,579	498,579
12	Federal funds	2,450,000	2,450,000
13	Global Commitment fund	<u>343,909,515</u>	<u>372,556,310</u>
14	Total	<u>346,858,094</u>	<u>375,504,889</u>
15	Sec. 41. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.338 is amended to read:		
16	Sec. B.338 Corrections - correctional services		
17	Personal services	<u>177,107,933</u>	<u>184,910,113</u>
18	Operating expenses	<u>25,571,966</u>	<u>26,227,109</u>
19	Grants	<u>801,823</u>	<u>801,823</u>
20	Total	<u>203,481,722</u>	<u>211,939,045</u>
21	Source of funds		

1	General fund	198,084,766	203,987,089
2	Special funds	935,963	990,963
3	Federal funds	516,600	516,600
4	Global Commitment fund	3,548,078	6,048,078
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>396,315</u>	<u>396,315</u>
6	Total	203,481,722	211,939,045
7	Sec. 42. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.339 is amended to read:		
8	Sec. B.339 Corrections - correctional services - out of state beds		
9	Personal services	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
10	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
11	Source of funds		
12	General fund	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
13	Total	<u>4,130,378</u>	<u>4,520,333</u>
14	Sec. 43. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.342 is amended to read:		
15	Sec. B.342 Vermont veterans' home - care and support services		
16	Personal services	24,048,875	24,048,875
17	Operating expenses	<u>6,913,887</u>	<u>6,913,887</u>
18	Total	30,962,762	30,962,762
19	Source of funds		
20	General fund	10,033,214	8,998,647
21	Special funds	12,799,530	13,834,097

1	Federal funds	<u>8,130,018</u>	<u>8,130,018</u>
2	Total	30,962,762	30,962,762

3 Sec. 44. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.347 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.347 Total human services

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	1,428,803,059	1,461,101,849
7	Special funds	231,430,533	232,655,939
8	Tobacco fund	23,088,208	23,088,208
9	State health care resources fund	31,074,772	31,074,772
10	Federal funds	1,946,078,413	1,993,089,108
11	Global Commitment fund	2,148,606,890	2,213,122,801
12	Internal service funds	403,853	403,853
13	Interdepartmental transfers	32,694,090	32,694,090
14	Permanent trust funds	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
15	Total	5,842,204,818	5,987,255,620

16 Sec. 45. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.508 is amended to read:

17 Sec. B.508 Education - nutrition

18	Grants	18,500,000	<u>17,500,000</u>
19	Total	18,500,000	17,500,000

20 Source of funds

1	Education fund	<u>18,500,000</u>	<u>17,500,000</u>
2	Total	<u>18,500,000</u>	17,500,000

3 Sec. 46. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.516 is amended to read:

4 Sec. B.516 Total general education

5 Source of funds

6	General fund	244,496,788	244,496,788
7	Special funds	32,699,554	32,699,554
8	Tobacco fund	750,388	750,388
9	Education fund	<u>2,430,399,971</u>	2,429,399,971
10	Federal funds	206,397,296	206,397,296
11	Global Commitment fund	260,000	260,000
12	Interdepartmental transfers	2,376,046	2,376,046
13	Pension trust funds	<u>3,864,405</u>	<u>3,864,405</u>
14	Total	<u>2,921,244,448</u>	2,920,244,448

15 Sec. 47. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.702 is amended to read:

16 Sec. B.702 Fish and wildlife - support and field services

17	Personal services	<u>23,876,543</u>	24,086,543
18	Operating expenses	6,738,504	6,738,504
19	Grants	<u>833,630</u>	<u>833,630</u>
20	Total	<u>31,448,677</u>	31,658,677

21 Source of funds

1	General fund	9,532,865	9,742,865
2	Special funds	364,696	364,696
3	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	10,097,060
4	Federal funds	9,927,754	9,927,754
5	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,526,302</u>	<u>1,526,302</u>
6	Total	31,448,677	31,658,677

7 Sec. 48. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.704 is amended to read:

8 Sec. B.704 Forests, parks and recreation - forestry

9	Personal services	11,026,473	11,098,456
10	Operating expenses	1,122,371	1,155,605
11	Grants	<u>1,408,910</u>	<u>1,408,910</u>
12	Total	13,557,754	13,662,971

13 Source of funds

14	General fund	6,839,753	6,944,970
15	Special funds	1,204,005	1,204,005
16	Federal funds	4,326,877	4,326,877
17	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>1,187,119</u>	<u>1,187,119</u>
18	Total	13,557,754	13,662,971

19 Sec. 49. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.713 is amended to read:

20 Sec. B.713 Land use review board

1	Personal services	5,001,041	5,001,041
2	Operating expenses	<u>537,905</u>	<u>579,155</u>
3	Total	5,538,946	5,580,196
4	Source of funds		
5	General fund	4,169,020	4,210,270
6	Special funds	<u>1,369,926</u>	<u>1,369,926</u>
7	Total	5,538,946	5,580,196

8 Sec. 50. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.714 is amended to read:

9 Sec. B.714 Total natural resources

10 Source of funds

11	General fund	50,665,734	51,022,201
12	Special funds	86,811,225	86,811,225
13	Fish and wildlife fund	10,097,060	10,097,060
14	Federal funds	184,885,710	184,885,710
15	Interdepartmental transfers	<u>14,976,689</u>	<u>14,976,689</u>
16	Total	347,436,418	347,792,885

17 * * *

18 Sec. 51. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1100 is amended to read:

19 Sec. B.1100 MISCELLANEOUS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ONE-TIME

20 APPROPRIATIONS

1 (a) Agency of Administration Secretary's Office. In fiscal year 2026,
2 funds are appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$1,100,000 General Fund for the Truth and Reconciliation
4 Commission; ~~and~~

5 (2) \$110,000 General Fund for the Office of Racial Equity to continue
6 the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Action, Leadership Vermont program an
7 additional year;

8 (3) \$500,000 General Fund for the reimbursement of Community
9 Accountability Court Project expenses requested by other State entities; and

10 (4) \$3,000,000 General Fund to ensure the appropriation made in Sec.
11 B.514 of this act is sufficient to meet 100 percent of the Vermont State
12 Teachers' Retirement System Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution.
13 The appropriation made in Sec. B.513 of this act pursuant to 16 V.S.A.
14 § 1944(c)(13) shall not be considered for the purposes of determining whether
15 the appropriation made in Sec. B.514 of this act is sufficient to ensure that the
16 Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution requirement is funded at 100
17 percent in fiscal year 2026. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year
18 until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

19 * * *

20 (c) Department of Taxes. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for
21 the following:

(5) \$329,520 General Fund and \$470,480 federal funds for the Department of Vermont Health Access' Global Commitment appropriation for supplemental nonemergency medical transportation funding.

(g) Department of Health. In fiscal year 2026, funds are appropriated for the following:

(5) \$200,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund for a grant to Mentor Vermont; and

(7) \$163,627 General Fund to continue the activities related to addressing health disparities and promoting health equity originally initiated by the Agency of Administration Office of Racial Equity per 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 74, Sec. B.1106(a)(10);

(9) notwithstanding 18 V.S.A. § 4812, \$228,000 Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund and \$192,000 General Fund for distribution to recovery centers that were negatively impacted by receiving equal distributions

1 from the Department earlier in the year. The funds shall be allocated as
2 follows:

3 (A) \$45,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Springfield;

4 (B) \$50,000 to Journey to Recovery Community Center;

5 (C) \$70,000 to the Turning Point Center of Chittenden County;

6 (D) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Addison County;

7 (E) \$105,000 to the Turning Point Recovery Center of Bennington;

8 and

9 (F) \$75,000 to the Turning Point Center of Windham County.

10 (h) Department for Children and Families. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
11 appropriated for the following:

12 * * *

13 (3) \$1,000,000 General Fund for direct aid to the Vermont Foodbank's
14 network partner food shelves and pantries through an equitable statewide
15 distribution of food or subgrants, or both; ~~and~~

16 (4) \$156,000 General Fund for the Child Care Apprenticeship Program;
17 and

18 (5) \$150,000 General Fund to make the current Child Abuse Hotline
19 compatible with updated Agency of Digital Services server requirements.

20 * * *

1 (p) Vermont Housing and Conservation Board. In fiscal year 2026, funds
2 are appropriated for the following:

3 (1) \$5,000,000 General Fund to provide support and enhance capacity
4 for the production and preservation of affordable mixed-income rental housing
5 and homeownership units, including improvements to manufactured homes
6 and communities; permanent homes and emergency shelter for those
7 experiencing homelessness; recovery residences; and housing available to farm
8 workers, refugees, and individuals who are eligible to receive Medicaid-funded
9 home and community-based services; and

10 (2) \$1,000,000 General Fund for the Land Access and Opportunity
11 Board's Homes for All, Homes for All Phase 2, and Secure Housing Coaching
12 programs.

13 * * *

14 (r) Department of Vermont Health Access. In fiscal year 2026, funds are
15 appropriated for the following:

16 * * *

17 (3) \$10,800,000 Global Commitment for the Support and Services at
18 Home program, the Primary Care Medical Home, and Community Health
19 Team services under the Blueprint for Health; ~~and~~

20 (4) \$1,250,000 Global Commitment for the first year of implementation
21 of the Maple Mountain Family Medicine Residency Program if the Centers for

1 Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the Agency of Human Services’
2 request for federal matching funds pursuant to Sec. E.306.5(a) of this act;

3 (5) \$2,727,046 General Fund for the Vermont Health Connect cloud
4 migration;

5 (6) \$5,300,000 General Fund and \$160,000 federal funds for an
6 alternative payment model reconciliation payment to Brattleboro Retreat. All
7 or a portion of these funds may also be used as matching funds to the Agency
8 of Human Services Global Commitment Program to provide State match. If
9 funds are used as matching funds to the Agency of Human Services Global
10 Commitment Program to provide State match, the commensurate amount of
11 Global Commitment Fund spending authority may be requested during the
12 Global Commitment Transfer process pursuant to Sec. E.301.1 of this act; and

13 (7) \$800,000 Global Commitment for supplemental nonemergency
14 medical transportation funding.

15 * * *

16 (t) Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets. In fiscal year 2026, funds
17 are appropriated for the following:

18 * * *

19 (2) ~~\$500,000~~ \$900,000 General Fund for a grant to Vermont Foodbank
20 for the Vermonters Feeding Vermonters Program;

21 * * *

(1) \$139,443 General Fund for the establishment and operations of the

(gg) Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs. In fiscal year 2026,

(1) \$36,848 General Fund for the Chittenden County Community

Sec. 52. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.100 is amended to read:

(a) This act contains the following amounts allocated to special funds that receive revenue from the property transfer tax. These allocations shall not exceed available revenues.

* * *

(2) Notwithstanding 10 V.S.A. § 312, amounts in excess of \$36,964,250

\$36,471,750 from the property transfer tax and the surcharge established by 32 V.S.A. § 9602a deposited into the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund.

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

1 Conservation Board and \$1,000,000 from the surcharge established by
2 32 V.S.A. § 9602a. The fiscal year 2026 appropriation of ~~\$36,964,250~~
3 \$36,471,750 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board reflects the
4 \$1,500,000 reduction. The affordable housing bond and related property
5 transfer tax and surcharge provisions are repealed after the life of the bond on
6 July 1, 2039. Once the bond is retired, the \$1,500,000 reduction in the
7 appropriation to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board shall be
8 restored.

9 (3) Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(2), amounts in excess of
10 ~~\$10,000,705~~ \$9,872,655 from the property transfer tax deposited into the
11 Municipal and Regional Planning and Resilience Fund shall be transferred into
12 the General Fund. Notwithstanding 24 V.S.A. § 4306(a)(3), the ~~\$10,000,705~~
13 \$9,872,655 shall be allocated as follows:

14 (A) ~~\$7,740,546~~ \$7,641,435 for disbursement to regional planning
15 commissions in a manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b);

16 (B) ~~\$1,260,089~~ \$1,243,955 for disbursement to municipalities in a
17 manner consistent with 24 V.S.A. § 4306(b); and

18 (C) ~~\$1,000,070~~ \$987,265 to the Agency of Digital Services for the
19 Vermont Center for Geographic Information.

20 Sec. 53. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.101 is amended to read:

21 Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS

1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts
2 shall be transferred from the funds indicated:

3 (1) From the General Fund (#10000) to the:

4 * * *

5 (I) Criminal History Records Check Fund (#21130): \$1,059,324
6 needed by the Department of Public Safety for deficit mitigation.

7 (i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this be a one-
8 time transfer to prevent the Criminal History Records Check Fund from
9 incurring a deficit due to salary and benefit costs at the Department of Public
10 Safety's Vermont Crime Information Center. As part of its fiscal year 2027
11 budget adjustment presentation, the Department of Public Safety shall submit
12 a sustainability plan for the Criminal History Records Check Fund or any
13 proposals for alternative fund sources for associated salary and benefit costs,
14 or both.

15 * * *

16 (8) From the Cannabis Regulation Fund (#21998) to the:

17 (A) General Fund (#10000): 70 percent of the unencumbered and
18 unexpended balance of the fund in excess of ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following
19 the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management
20 shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July

2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be ~~\$8,900,000~~ \$9,182,689.

(B) Substance Misuse Prevention Special Fund (#21995): 30 percent of the unencumbered and unexpended balance of the fund in excess of ~~\$4,035,000~~ \$4,665,150 following the close of fiscal year 2025. The Commissioner of Finance and Management shall report the amount of this transfer to the Joint Fiscal Committee at its July 2025 meeting. For purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget, this amount is estimated to be ~~\$3,800,000~~ \$3,935,438.

(b) The following transfers shall be in accordance with the citations provided. Transfer estimates are for purposes of developing the fiscal year 2026 budget and do not supersede the actual year-end transfer amounts.

(1) To the General Fund (#10000) from the:

(A) 8 V.S.A. § 80(d). Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21075): ~~\$46,204,523~~ \$45,192,728.

(B) 9 V.S.A. § 5613(c). Securities Regulatory and Supervision Fund (~~#21085~~) (#21080): ~~\$21,745,635~~ \$23,892,303.

(C) 27 V.S.A. § 1543. Unclaimed Property Fund (#62100): ~~\$7,389,063~~ \$8,994,314.

(2) To the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund (#21085) from the:

1 (A) General Fund (#10000): ~~\$1,053,073~~ \$187,946.

2 * * *

3 (c) Transfers from the following enterprise funds to the General Fund
4 (#10000) shall not exceed the actual fiscal ~~year-end~~ year-end profits earned by
5 the enterprise net of any amount necessary to absolve the fund of a deficit.
6 The following estimated transfers are for purposes of developing the fiscal year
7 2026 budget only.

8 (1) From the Sports Wagering Enterprise Fund (#50250): ~~\$7,600,000~~
9 \$6,678,828.

10 (2) From the Liquor Control Fund (#50300): ~~\$14,849,754~~ \$16,802,502.

11 Sec. 54. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.102 is amended to read:

12 Sec. D.102 REVERSIONS

13 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year
14 2026, the following amounts shall revert to the General Fund from the
15 accounts indicated:

16 * * *

17	1260892201 TRE – Bond Redemption	\$6,000,000.00
18	<u>1210892401 LEG-Basic Needs Budget Members</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>
19	<u>1220892402 JFO-Renewable Energy Standard</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>
20	<u>1220892403 JFO-Basic Needs Budget Assist</u>	<u>\$10,000.00</u>
21	<u>5100892211 AOE-License Data Management</u>	<u>\$700,000.00</u>

* * *

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following amount shall revert to the Tobacco Litigation Settlement Fund from the account indicated:

3400891802 Invest Substance Use Treat \$1,500.38

Sec. 55. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. D.103 is amended to read:

Sec. D.103 RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in fiscal year 2026, the following reserve transactions shall be implemented for the funds provided:

(1) General Fund.

* * *

(D) The first \$74,908,097 of any fiscal year-end balance otherwise subject to the requirements of 32 V.S.A. § 308c(a) shall, instead, be reserved for addressing federal funding shortfalls, property tax relief, or any other uses determined to be in the best interests of the public in the subsequent fiscal year. Any proceeds reserved in accordance with the requirements of this subdivision (D) shall automatically be unreserved for use on July 1 of the subsequent fiscal year.

* * *

(4) Education Fund.

3 Sec. 56. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100 is amended to read:

4 Sec. E.100 POSITIONS

(e) The conversion of ~~nine~~ 10 limited service exempt positions to permanent exempt status is authorized in fiscal year 2026 as follows:

9 (2) Land Use Review Board:

11 Sec. 57. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.301 is amended to read:

13 ***

(b) In addition to the State funds appropriated in Sec. B.301 of this act, a total estimated sum of ~~\$27,887,533~~ \$27,868,051 is anticipated to be certified as State matching funds as follows:

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1 matching funds for eligible special education school-based Medicaid services
2 under Global Commitment shall be transferred from the Global Commitment
3 Fund to the Medicaid Reimbursement Special Fund established by 16 V.S.A.
4 § 2959a.

5 (2) ~~\$3,173,533~~ \$3,154,051 certified State match available from local
6 designated mental health and developmental services agencies for eligible
7 mental health services provided under Global Commitment.

8 * * *

9 Sec. 58. 32 V.S.A. § 308f is added to read:

10 § 308f. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION RESERVE

11 (a) Annually, not later than the close of the first week of the new fiscal
12 year, the Department of Taxes and the Joint Fiscal Office shall provide the
13 Department of Finance and Management a consensus estimate of the
14 anticipated fourth quarter receipts from the Child Care Contribution, pursuant
15 to chapter 246 of this title, for the fiscal year being closed.

16 (b) As part of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout process, the
17 Commissioner of Finance and Management shall reserve an amount of General
18 Fund dollars equal to the consensus estimate provided in subsection (a) of this
19 section prior to executing the requirements of section 308c of this title.

20 (c) Upon completion of the annual fiscal year General Fund closeout
21 process, the Commissioner of Finance and Management shall immediately

1 unreserve the amount reserved pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and
2 transfer an amount equal to actual receipts to the Child Care Contribution
3 Special Fund.

4 (d) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is
5 determined to be greater than the actual receipts due to the Child Care
6 Contribution Special Fund, then the excess shall immediately be reserved in
7 accordance with section 308c of this title.

8 (e) If the amount unreserved pursuant to subsection (c) of this section is
9 determined to be less than the actual receipts due to the Child Care
10 Contribution Special Fund, then the amount of the deficiency shall
11 immediately be unreserved from the General Fund Balance Reserve
12 established pursuant to section 308c of this title.

13 Sec. 59. 32 V.S.A. § 10554 is amended to read:

14 § 10554. CHILD CARE CONTRIBUTION SPECIAL FUND

15 (a) The Child Care Contribution Special Fund is created pursuant to
16 chapter 7, subchapter 5 of this title and shall be administered by the
17 Department for Children and Families and the Department of Taxes. Monies
18 in the Fund may be expended by the Department of Taxes for the
19 administration of the Child Care and Parental Leave Contribution created
20 under this chapter; by the Department for Children and Families for benefits
21 provided by the Child Care Financial Assistance Program established in 33

1 V.S.A. §§ 3512 and 3513, including the provision of incentive payments
2 pursuant to 33 V.S.A. § 3515; and by the Departments for necessary costs
3 incurred in administering the Fund. All interest earned on Fund balances shall
4 be credited to the Fund.

5 (b) The Fund shall consist of:

6 (1) contributions collected or recovered pursuant to section 10553 of
7 this title;

8 (2) any amounts transferred ~~or appropriated~~ to the Fund by the General
9 Assembly; and

10 (3) any interest earned by the Fund.

11 (c) The Departments may seek and accept grants from any source, public or
12 private, to be dedicated for deposit into the Fund.

13 Sec. 60. 2 V.S.A. § 41 is amended to read:

14 § 41. CREATION OF COMMITTEE; PURPOSE

15 (a) Creation. There is created the Joint Legislative Management
16 Committee. The Committee shall provide general oversight and management
17 across the offices of the General Assembly ~~and shall coordinate the operations~~
18 ~~of the Office of Legislative Operations in its delivery of shared administrative~~
19 ~~services to the legislative offices and the General Assembly.~~

20 * * *

1 Sec. 61. 2 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

2 § 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

3 * * *

4 (c) The Office of Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative~~
5 ~~Operations~~ shall provide legal, ~~professional~~, and administrative assistance to
6 the Committee.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 62. 2 V.S.A. § 614 is amended to read:

9 § 614. JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT

10 COMMITTEE

11 * * *

12 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
13 and legal assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of~~
14 ~~Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

15 * * *

16 Sec. 63. 2 V.S.A. § 651 is amended to read:

17 § 651. LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE STATE

18 HOUSE

19 * * *

20 (e) The Committee shall have the assistance of the Office of Legislative
21 Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~.

1 * * *

2 Sec. 64. 2 V.S.A. § 693 is amended to read:

3 § 693. ASSISTANCE

4 (a) The Committee shall have the administrative, technical, and legal
5 assistance of the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative~~
6 ~~Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal Office.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 65. 2 V.S.A. § 801 is amended to read:

9 § 801. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

10 * * *

11 (f) The professional and clerical services of the Joint Fiscal Office, ~~the~~
12 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Office of Legislative Counsel shall
13 be available to the Committee.

14 Sec. 66. 2 V.S.A. § 1001 is amended to read:

15 § 1001. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

16 * * *

17 (f) Assistance. The Committee shall have assistance from the Office of
18 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations~~, and the Joint Fiscal
19 Office.

20 * * *

1 Sec. 67. 3 V.S.A. § 23 is amended to read:

2 § 23. THE COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE

3 * * *

4 (e) Staff services. The Commission shall be entitled to staff services of the
5 Agency of Commerce and Community Development, the Office of Legislative
6 Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations,~~ and the Joint Fiscal Office.

7 * * *

8 Sec. 68. 3 V.S.A. § 817 is amended to read:

9 § 817. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

10 * * *

11 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its
12 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel
13 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations.~~ The Committee shall adopt rules to
14 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall
15 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General
16 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on
17 Administrative Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and
18 reimbursement for necessary expenses as provided members of standing
19 committees under 2 V.S.A. § 23.

20 * * *

1 Sec. 69. 4 V.S.A. § 4 is amended to read:

2 § 4. JUSTICES

3 * * *

4 (d) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a
5 Justice is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the year
6 preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the Justice has
7 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
8 continue in office. Whenever a Justice files a declaration under subsection (c)
9 of this section, or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary of State shall
10 notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Office of
11 Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ forthwith.

12 Sec. 70. 4 V.S.A. § 71 is amended to read:

13 § 71. APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF SUPERIOR JUDGES

14 * * *

15 (c) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever a
16 Superior judge is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of
17 the year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the judge has
18 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
19 continue in office. Whenever a Superior judge files a declaration under
20 subsection (b) of this section or notification occurs automatically, the Secretary
21 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and

1 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~
2 forthwith.

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4 Sec. 71. 4 V.S.A. § 461 is amended to read:

5 § 461. OFFICE OF MAGISTRATE; JURISDICTION; SELECTION; TERM

6 * * *

7 (c)(1) Terms of office of magistrates, except in the case of an appointment
8 to fill a vacancy or unexpired term, shall be for a term of six years from and
9 including April 1 in the year of the magistrate's appointment or retention. A
10 magistrate shall remain in office until a successor is appointed and qualified,
11 unless sooner removed for cause or unless he or she resigns.

12 * * *

13 (3) The Court Administrator shall notify the Secretary of State whenever
14 a magistrate is appointed and takes the oath of office after September 1 of the
15 year preceding the expiration of the term of office to which the magistrate has
16 succeeded, thereby resulting in automatic notification of an intention to
17 continue in office. Whenever a magistrate files a declaration under subdivision
18 (2) of this subsection or when notification occurs automatically, the Secretary
19 of State shall notify the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and
20 the Office of Legislative Counsel, ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~
21 forthwith.

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2 Sec. 72. 4 V.S.A. § 607 is amended read:

3 § 607. JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RETENTION; CREATION

4 * * *

5 (c) The Committee may use the staff and services of the Office of
6 Legislative Counsel ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~ to, in addition to
7 other duties, obtain information on the performance of a judge or Justice by
8 soliciting comments from members of the Vermont Bar and the public.

9 Sec. 73. 12 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:

10 § 3. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL RULES

11 * * *

12 (b) The Committee shall meet as necessary for the prompt discharge of its
13 duties and may use the staff and services of the Office of Legislative Counsel
14 ~~and the Office of Legislative Operations~~. The Committee shall adopt rules to
15 govern its operation and organization. A quorum of the Committee shall
16 consist of five members. For attendance at a meeting when the General
17 Assembly is not in session, members of the Legislative Committee on Judicial
18 Rules shall be entitled to the same per diem compensation and reimbursement
19 for necessary expenses as provided members of standing committees under 2
20 V.S.A. § 23.

21 * * *

1 Sec. 74. 19 V.S.A. § 12b is amended to read:

2 § 12b. JOINT TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

3 * * *

4 (b) The Committee shall meet during adjournment for official duties.
5 Meetings shall be convened by the Chair and, when practicable, shall be
6 coordinated with the regular meetings of the Joint Fiscal Committee. Members
7 shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement pursuant to 2 V.S.A.
8 § 23. The Committee shall have the assistance of the staff of the Office of
9 Legislative Counsel, ~~the Office of Legislative Operations,~~ and the Joint Fiscal
10 Office.

11 * * *

12 Sec. 75. 32 V.S.A. § 1052 is amended to read:

13 § 1052. MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; COMPENSATION
14 AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

15 * * *

16 (b) During any session of the General Assembly, each member is entitled
17 to receive reimbursement of expenses as set forth in this subsection.

18 * * *

19 (2) Meals. Each member shall receive either a meals allowance or
20 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member shall be presumed to have
21 elected to receive the meals allowance unless the member informs the Joint

1 ~~Fiscal~~ Office of ~~Legislative Operations~~ by a date established by the Joint Fiscal
2 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~ that the member wishes to receive
3 reimbursement of actual meals expenses. A member's election to receive
4 reimbursement of actual meals expenses shall remain in effect through the
5 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that
6 the member needs to change to the meals allowance due to a change in
7 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

8 (A) Meals allowance. A member who elects to receive a meals
9 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for meals
10 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-
11 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
12 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

13 (B) Meals reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
14 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
15 amounts expended by the member for meals for each day that the House in
16 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of
17 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) shall not
18 exceed the amount the member would have received for the same week if the
19 member had elected the meals allowance pursuant to subdivision (A) of this
20 subdivision (2). The member shall provide meal receipts or otherwise
21 substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal Office of ~~Legislative~~

1 ~~Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the ~~Director of Legislative~~
2 ~~Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

3 (3) Lodging. Each member shall receive either a lodging allowance or
4 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member shall be presumed to
5 have elected to receive the lodging allowance unless the member informs the
6 Joint Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations by a date established by the Joint
7 Fiscal Office of Legislative Operations that the member wishes to receive
8 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses. A member's election to receive
9 reimbursement of actual lodging expenses shall remain in effect through the
10 remainder of that session unless the member notifies the Office, in writing, that
11 the member needs to change to the lodging allowance due to a change in
12 circumstances or for another compelling reason.

13 (A) Lodging allowance. A member who elects to receive a lodging
14 allowance shall receive an amount equal to the daily amount for lodging
15 determined for Montpelier, Vermont, by the federal Office of Government-
16 wide Policy and published in the Federal Register for the year of the session
17 for each day the House in which the member serves shall sit.

18 (B) Lodging reimbursement. A member who elects to receive
19 reimbursement of expenses shall receive reimbursement equal to the actual
20 amounts expended by the member for lodging for each day that the House in
21 which the member serves shall sit; provided, however, that the total amount of

1 the weekly reimbursement available pursuant to this subdivision (B) for each
2 week shall not exceed the amount the member would have received for the
3 same week if the member had elected the lodging allowance pursuant to
4 subdivision (A) of this subdivision (3). The member shall provide lodging
5 receipts or otherwise substantiate the amounts expended to the Joint Fiscal
6 ~~Office of Legislative Operations~~ in the form and manner prescribed by the
7 ~~Director of Legislative Operations~~ Chief Fiscal Officer.

8 * * *

9 Sec. 76. OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS; REPEAL

10 (a) 2 V.S.A. chapter 16 (Office of Legislative Operations) is repealed.

11 Sec. 77. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.312 is amended to read:

12 Sec. E.312 HEALTH; PUBLIC HEALTH

13 (a) HIV/AIDS funding:

14 * * *

15 (2) In fiscal year 2026, and as provided by this section, the Department
16 of Health shall provide grants in the amount of ~~\$295,000~~ \$340,000 from the
17 General Fund for HIV and Harm Reduction Services to the following
18 organizations:

19 (A) Vermont CARES: ~~\$140,000~~ \$165,000;

20 (B) AIDS Project of Southern Vermont: ~~\$100,000~~ \$115,000; and

21 (C) HIV/HCV Resource Center: ~~\$55,000~~ \$60,000.

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Sec. 78. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the Agency of Administration to be transferred by the Emergency Board pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 133 while the General Assembly is not in session in the event of a reduction in federal funds to the State as set forth in Sec. E.127.2 of this act. The General Assembly may designate these funds for other purposes related to federal funding changes. These funds shall carry forward each fiscal year until fully expended or reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

Sec. 79. HOUSING ASSISTANCE

(a) Of the amount appropriated to the Agency of Administration in Sec. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. B.1101(b)(2), \$5,000,000 shall be utilized by the Agency of Administration in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of assisting a housing authority to avoid termination of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8 housing choice vouchers that would otherwise be lost as the result of reductions in federal funding.

(b) Funding may be made available to a housing authority for one of the following purposes:

1 (1) to maintain a current housing assistance payment in use or to prevent
2 the retirement of a housing assistance payment currently in use by the housing
3 authority; or

4 (2) with prior approval from HUD, to provide funding to a housing
5 authority in order to prevent the termination of assistance to current housing
6 choice voucher participants.

7 (c) A vote of the majority of a housing authority's commissioners shall be
8 required prior to a housing authority requesting funds under this section.

9 (d) The Agency of Administration shall:

10 (1) establish procedures for validating that such expenditures conform to
11 applicable HUD requirements and are a necessary and proper expense prior to
12 issuing funds; and

13 (2) ensure that access to funds authorized by this section is made
14 available to all housing authorities across the State.

15 (e) As used in this section, "housing authority" has the same meaning as in
16 24 V.S.A. § 4002.

17 (f) The funds allocated in subsection (a) of this section shall remain
18 available for the purposes outlined in this section until fully expended or
19 reverted by an act of the General Assembly.

20 Sec. 80. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.139.1 is added to read:

21 Sec. E.139.1 TAX DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION; PILOT FUND

Sec. 81. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.325 is amended to read:

(a) Of the General Fund appropriation in Sec. B.325 of this act, \$9,343,655 shall be used by the Department for Children and Families' Office of Economic Opportunity to issue grants to community agencies to assist individuals experiencing homelessness by preserving existing services, increasing services, or increasing resources available statewide. These funds may be granted alone or in conjunction with federal Emergency Solutions Grants funds. Grant decisions and the administration of funds shall be done in consultation with the two U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-recognized continuum of care programs.

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- 1 (1) \$5,000 to the Charter House Coalition;
- 2 (2) \$46,360 to Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE);
- 3 (3) \$5,000 to Groundworks Collaborative;
- 4 (4) \$90,000 to the Homeless Prevention Center;
- 5 (5) \$1,000 to the NewStory Center;
- 6 (6) \$60,000 to the Springfield Supported Housing Program;
- 7 (7) \$50,000 to Upper Valley Haven;
- 8 (8) \$20,000 to the Good Samaritan Haven;
- 9 (9) \$10,000 to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual
- 10 Violence;
- 11 (10) \$381,088 to BROCC Community Action;
- 12 (11) \$184,783 to Southeastern Vermont Community Action;
- 13 (12) \$308,910 to Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity;
- 14 and
- 15 (13) \$160,000 to Northeast Kingdom Community Action.

16 Sec. 82. 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 27, Sec. E.100.3 is amended to read:

17 Sec. E.100.3 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; CORONAVIRUS

18 STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUND APPROPRIATIONS;

19 REPORTING

20 * * *

1 (b) In fiscal year 2026, the Secretary of Administration shall report to the
2 Joint Fiscal Committee on a quarterly basis, and upon the request of the
3 Committee, on the status of any spending authority established pursuant to
4 ~~2023~~ 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.106.

5 * * *

6 Sec. 83. DESIGNATED AND SPECIALIZED AGENCIES; PAYMENT
7 REFORM

8 (a) The Department of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
9 consult with the chairs of the House Committees on Appropriations and on
10 Human Services and the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health
11 and Welfare, and the designated and specialized service agencies, for the
12 purpose of identifying solutions that address short-term financial challenges to
13 the designated and specialized agencies related to developmental services
14 payment reform. On or before April 15, 2026, the Department shall provide a
15 progress report to the House Committees on Appropriations and on Human
16 Services and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Health and
17 Welfare regarding any identified solutions that ensure uninterrupted services
18 for individuals receiving supports during the first year of payment reform
19 implementation.

20 Sec. 84. 18 V.S.A. § 9407 is amended to read:

21 § 9407. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUGS; LIMITATIONS ON

HOSPITAL CHARGES

* * *

(d) This section shall not apply to:

(1) an independent hospital that is designated as a critical access hospital and that is not affiliated with another hospital or hospital network based in or outside of Vermont; and

(2) a non-critical access hospital that is participating in the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Sec. 85. IMPLEMENTATION; ADJUSTMENT OF HOSPITAL BUDGETS

(a) A non-critical access hospital participating in the Rural Community Hospital Demonstration program through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services may submit claims to a health insurer for reimbursement of prescription drugs administered in an outpatient or office setting on and after the effective date of this act in amounts that exceed the limits set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9407(a).

(b) The Green Mountain Care Board may adjust the budget for a hospital that is authorized to exceed the limits set forth in 18 V.S.A. § 9407(a) to reflect the exemption enacted in Sec. 84 of this act.

1 Sec. 86. CARRYFORWARD

2 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law and subject to the approval
3 of the Secretary of Administration, General Fund (#10000), Transportation
4 Fund (#20105), Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund (#20191), Education
5 Fund (#20205), Technology Modernization Special Fund (#21951), Clean
6 Water Fund (#21932), and Agricultural Water Quality Fund (#21933)
7 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2026, in the Executive
8 Branch shall be carried forward and shall be designated for expenditure.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, General Fund
10 appropriations remaining unexpended on June 30, 2026, in the Legislative and
11 Judicial Branches shall be carried forward and shall be designated for
12 expenditure.

13 Sec. 87. EFFECTIVE DATE

14 (a) This act shall take effect on passage.