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2 An act relating to capital construction and State bonding

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

4 * * * Legislative Intent * * *

5 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

6 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that of the \$122,767,376.00
7 authorized in this act, not more than \$56,520,325.00 shall be appropriated in the
8 first year of the biennium, and the remainder shall be appropriated in the second
9 year.

10 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that in the second year of the
11 biennium, any amendments to the appropriations or authorities granted in this
12 act shall take the form of the Capital Construction and State Bonding
13 Adjustment Bill. It is the intent of the General Assembly that unless otherwise
14 indicated, all appropriations in this act are subject to capital budget adjustment.

15 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

16 (a) The following sums are appropriated to the Department of Buildings and
17 General Services, and the Commissioner is authorized to direct funds
18 appropriated in this section to the projects contained in this section; however, no
19 project shall be canceled unless the Chairs of the Senate Committee on
20 Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions are
21 notified before that action is taken.

1	<u>(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024:</u>	
2	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,001,244.00</u>
3	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
4	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
5	<u>(4) Bennington, Battle Monument, construction of safety fencing:</u>	
6		<u>\$500,000.00</u>
7	<u>(5) Brattleboro, courthouse, roof replacement:</u>	
8		<u>\$2,750,000.00</u>
9	<u>(6) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master</u>	
10	<u>plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
11	<u>(7) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
12		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
13	<u>(8) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,725,000.00</u>
14	<u>(9) Montpelier, 133 State Street, Office of Legislative Information</u>	
15	<u>Technology, renovations:</u>	<u>\$200,000.00</u>
16	<u>(10) Newport, courthouse replacement, planning and design:</u>	
17		<u>\$750,000.00</u>
18	<u>(11) St. Albans, Northwest State Correctional Facility, roof replacement:</u>	
19		<u>\$1,300,000.00</u>
20	<u>(12) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
21	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>

1	<u>(13) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
2	<u>(14) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
3	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>
4	<u>(15) Statewide, R22 refrigerant phase out:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
5	<u>(16) Statewide, Art in State Buildings Program:</u>	<u>\$75,000.00</u>
6	<u>(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025:</u>	
7	<u>(1) Statewide, major maintenance:</u>	<u>\$8,500,000.00</u>
8	<u>(2) Statewide, physical security enhancements:</u>	<u>\$250,000.00</u>
9	<u>(3) Statewide, planning, reuse, and contingency:</u>	<u>\$425,000.00</u>
10	<u>(4) Middlesex, Middlesex Therapeutic Community Residence, master</u>	
11	<u>plan, design, and decommissioning:</u>	<u>\$400,000.00</u>
12	<u>(5) Montpelier, State House, replacement of historic finishes:</u>	
13		<u>\$50,000.00</u>
14	<u>(6) Montpelier, State House, HVAC renovations:</u>	<u>\$3,900,000.00</u>
15	<u>(7) Newport, Northern State Correctional Facility, planning and</u>	
16	<u>construction for the boiler replacement:</u>	<u>\$3,500,000.00</u>
17	<u>(8) St. Johnsbury, Northeast State Correctional Facility, Caledonia</u>	
18	<u>Community Work Camp, door control system replacement:</u>	<u>\$1,750,000.00</u>
19	<u>(9) White River Junction, courthouse, renovations:</u>	<u>\$4,000,000.00</u>
20	<u>(10) Statewide, three-acre parcel, stormwater, planning, design, and</u>	
21	<u>construction:</u>	<u>\$1,500,000.00</u>

1 updates on the status of the project to the House Committee on Corrections and
2 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

3 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$1,800,000.00

4 Appropriation – FY 2025 \$16,200,000.00

5 Total Appropriation – Section 3 \$18,000,000.00

6 Sec. 4. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

7 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 to the Agency of
8 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in
9 this subsection:

10 (1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites: \$500,000.00

11 (2) Underwater preserves: \$46,000.00

12 (3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
13 \$25,000.00

14 (4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund: \$25,000.00

15 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
16 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described in
17 this subsection:

18 (1) Major maintenance at statewide historic sites: \$500,000.00

19 (2) Underwater preserves: \$46,000.00

20 (3) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:
21 \$25,000.00

1	<u>(4) Unmarked Burial Sites Special Fund:</u>	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
2	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
3	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$596,000.00</u>
4	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 4</u>	<u>\$1,192,000.00</u>

5 Sec. 5. GRANT PROGRAMS

6 (a) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2024 for the Building
7 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

8 (1) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division
9 for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Preservation Grant Program:

10 \$300,000.00

11 (2) To the Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Division
12 for Historic Preservation, for the Historic Barns Preservation Grant Program:

13 \$300,000.00

14 (3) To the Vermont Council on the Arts for the Cultural Facilities Grant
15 Program, the sum of which may be used to match funds that may be made
16 available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital
17 funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:

18 \$300,000.00

19 (4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the

20 Recreational Facilities Grant Program: \$300,000.00

1	<u>available from the National Endowment for the Arts, provided that all capital</u>	
2	<u>funds are made available to the Cultural Facilities Grant Program:</u>	
3		<u>\$300,000.00</u>
4	<u>(4) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the</u>	
5	<u>Recreational Facilities Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
6	<u>(5) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
7	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Human</u>	
8	<u>Services):</u>	<u>\$150,000.00</u>
9	<u>(6) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Human</u>	
10	<u>Services and Educational Facilities Competitive Grant Program (Education):</u>	
11		<u>\$150,000.00</u>
12	<u>(7) To the Department of Buildings and General Services for the Regional</u>	
13	<u>Economic Development Grant Program:</u>	<u>\$300,000.00</u>
14	<u>(8) To the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the Agricultural</u>	
15	<u>Fairs and Field Days Capital Projects Competitive Grant Program:</u>	
16		<u>\$300,000.00</u>
17	<u>Appropriation – FY 2024</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
18	<u>Appropriation – FY 2025</u>	<u>\$2,100,000.00</u>
19	<u>Total Appropriation – Section 5</u>	<u>\$4,200,000.00</u>

1 (A) Agricultural water quality projects: \$800,000.00

2 (B) Land conservation and water quality projects: \$2,000,000.00

3 (2) A grant issued under subdivision (1)(A) of this subsection:

4 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,
5 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water
6 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and

7 (B) may be used to satisfy a grant recipient's cost-share requirements.

8 (e) The sum of \$6,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2025 to the Agency of
9 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for clean
10 water implementation projects.

11 (f) On or before December 1, 2023:

12 (1) The Clean Water Board shall review and recommend Clean Water Act
13 implementation programs funded from subsection (e) of this section.

14 (2) The Board shall submit a report with the list of programs
15 recommended for FY 2025 to the Chairs of the House Committee on
16 Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions and to the
17 Governor for the FY 2024 capital budget adjustment report. The report shall
18 include a recommendation on whether there are any other funding sources that
19 may be used for municipal pollution control grants in FY 2025.

1 report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate
2 Committee on Institutions on the status of expended funds and an anticipated
3 timeline of when any remaining funds will be expended.

4 Appropriation – FY 2024 \$5,990,000.00

5 Total Appropriation – Section 15 \$5,990,000.00

6 * * * Funding * * *

7 Sec. 16. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

8 (a) The following sums are reallocated to the Department of Buildings and
9 General Services from prior capital appropriations to defray expenditures
10 authorized in Sec. 2 of this act:

11 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec.
12 19(a) (Veterans' Home, replace nurse call system): \$14,668.72

13 (2) of the amount appropriated 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 40, Sec. 19(b)
14 (Veterans' Home kitchen upgrade): \$13,522.98

15 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec.
16 2(b) (various projects): \$365.00

17 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2014 Acts and Resolves No. 51, Sec. 17
18 (Veterans' Home kitchen renovation and mold remediation): \$21,493.59

19 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26, Sec.
20 2(b) (various projects): \$65,463.17

1 with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded. The State
2 Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or issuances to the
3 entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this section and for which
4 bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 954.

5 Total Revenues – Section 17 \$108,000,000.00

6 Sec. 18. FY 2024 AND 2025; CAPITAL PROJECTS; FY 2024

7 APPROPRIATIONS ACT; INTENT; AUTHORIZATIONS

8 (a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that in addition to the issuance of
9 general obligation bonds, eligible capital projects may be funded from the Fund
10 established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b.

11 (b) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to authorize certain
12 capital projects eligible for funding by 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in this act but
13 appropriate the funds for these projects in the FY 2024 Appropriations Act. It is
14 also the intent of the General Assembly that the FY 2024 Appropriations Act
15 appropriate funds to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b for projects in
16 FY 2025, which shall be allocated pursuant to the process set forth in subsection
17 (e) of this section.

18 (c) Authorizations. In FY 2024, spending authority for the following capital
19 projects are authorized as follows:

20 (1) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
21 spend \$400,000.00 for planning, reuse, and contingency;

1 (10) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
2 spend \$1,000,000.00 for the Agency of Human Services for the planning and
3 design of the Department for Children and Families' short-term stabilization
4 facility;

5 (11) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
6 spend \$750,000.00 for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County
7 Superior Courthouse in Barre;

8 (12) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
9 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
10 design of the Special Teams Facility and Storage;

11 (13) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
12 spend \$250,000.00 for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and
13 design of the Rutland Field Station;

14 (14) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
15 spend \$300,000.00 for the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for the
16 planning and design of the Vermont Agriculture and Environmental Laboratory
17 Heat Plant;

18 (15) the Department of Buildings and General Services is authorized to
19 spend \$1,000,000.00 for electric vehicle charging stations at State buildings;

20 (16) the Vermont State Colleges is authorized to spend \$7,500,000.00 for
21 construction, renovation, and major maintenance at any facility owned or

1 operated in the State by the Vermont State Colleges; infrastructure
2 transformation planning; and the planning, design, and construction of Green
3 Hall and Vail Hall;

4 (17) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
5 \$9,800,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the State
6 match to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the Drinking Water
7 State Revolving Fund and the Clean Water State Revolving Fund;

8 (18) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
9 \$4,500,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
10 Waterbury Dam rehabilitation;

11 (19) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
12 \$4,000,000.00 for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the
13 Municipal Pollution Control Grants for pollution control projects and planning
14 advances for feasibility studies;

15 (20) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend
16 \$3,000,000.00 for the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for the
17 maintenance facilities at the Gifford Woods State Park and Groton Forest State
18 Park; and

19 (21) the Agency of Natural Resources is authorized to spend \$800,000.00
20 for the Department of Fish and Wildlife for infrastructure maintenance and
21 improvements of the Department's buildings, including conservation camps.

1 (d) FY 2025 capital projects. To the extent general funds are available to
2 appropriate to the Fund established in 32 V.S.A. § 1001b in FY 2025, it is the
3 intent of the General Assembly that the following capital projects receive
4 funding from the Fund:

5 (1) the sum of \$250,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
6 Services for planning, reuse, and contingency;

7 (2) the sum of \$2,300,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
8 Services for parking garage repairs at 32 Cherry Street in Burlington;

9 (3) the sum of \$2,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
10 Services for the renovation of the interior HVAC steam lines at 120 State Street
11 in Montpelier;

12 (4) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
13 Services for the Judiciary for renovations at the Washington County Superior
14 Courthouse in Barre;

15 (5) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
16 Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the
17 Special Teams Facility and Storage;

18 (6) the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Department of Buildings and General
19 Services for the Department of Public Safety for the planning and design of the
20 Rutland Field Station;

1 Minimum safety standards for the conduct of any race covered by this
2 chapter are established as follows:

3 (1) Each race track shall have a substantial fence of steel wire or plank
4 construction or other barrier not less than three feet high between the track and
5 area designated for spectators. ~~No~~ A grandstand shall may be constructed or
6 spectators allowed on a curved side of a track if the barrier requirements for a
7 straightaway, as provided by rule adopted pursuant to section 4809 of this title,
8 are met. For motorcycle, ATV, or snowmobile racing, each track shall have a
9 snow fence or other suitable barrier not less than four feet high between the
10 track and the area designated for spectators. The outside portion of all tracks
11 shall be a reasonable distance from the spectators.

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13 Sec. 20. OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION; MOTOR VEHICLE
14 RACING; REPORT

15 On or before January 15, 2025, the Office of Professional Regulation, in
16 consultation with relevant stakeholders, shall report to the House Committee on
17 Government Operations and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on
18 Government Operations with a sunset review on the regulatory structure for
19 motor vehicle racing in Vermont, including an evaluation of the State's current
20 regulatory structure, approaches to state oversight over motor vehicle racing in

1 jurisdictions outside Vermont and measures to ensure adequate public safety,
2 and any recommendations for legislative action.

3 * * * Buildings and General Services * * *

4 Sec. 21. 29 V.S.A. § 166 is amended to read:

5 § 166. SELLING OR RENTING STATE PROPERTY

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7 (b)(1) Upon authorization by the General Assembly, which may be granted
8 by resolution, and with the advice and consent of the Governor, the
9 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services may sell real estate owned by
10 the State. Such property shall be sold to the highest bidder therefor at public
11 auction or upon sealed bids in the discretion of the Commissioner of Buildings
12 and General Services, who may reject any or all bids. ~~Notice, or the~~
13 Commissioner is authorized to list the sale of property with a real estate agent
14 licensed by the State.

15 (2) If the Commissioner elects to sell the property at auction or by sealed
16 bid, notice of the sale or a request for sealed bids shall be posted:

17 (A) by electronic means; or

18 (B) in at least three public places in the town where the property is
19 located and also published three times in a newspaper having a known
20 circulation in the town, the last publication to be not less than 10 days before the
21 date of sale or opening of the bids. ~~Failing to consummate a sale under the~~

1 ~~method prescribed in this section, the Commissioner of Buildings and General~~
2 ~~Services is authorized to list the sale of this property with a real estate agent~~
3 ~~licensed by the State of Vermont.~~

4 (3) This subsection shall not apply to the sale, conveyance, exchange, or
5 lease of lands or interests in lands; to the amendment of deeds, leases, and
6 easements; or to sales of timber made in accordance with the provisions of
7 10 V.S.A. chapter 155 or the provisions of 10 V.S.A. chapter 83.

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9 Sec. 22. SALE OF PROPERTIES

10 (a) 110 State Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the Commissioner
11 of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the property located at
12 110 State Street in the City of Montpelier. The Commissioner shall first offer in
13 writing to the City the right to purchase the property.

14 (1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
15 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
16 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property on or before October 15,
17 2023.

18 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the property
19 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a written
20 offer to the Commissioner not later than June 1, 2024. In the event the City fails
21 to submit a written offer by June 1, 2024, then the City's preferential right to

1 purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is authorized to sell
2 the property to another party.

3 (b) Stanley Hall and Wasson Hall. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
4 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to subdivide,
5 sell, or otherwise dispose of the portion of land in the Waterbury State Office
6 Complex (Parcel ID # 916-0103.V as designated on the Town of Waterbury's
7 Tax Parcel Maps) that housed the former Stanley Hall and the adjacent parking
8 lot, located at 32 Park Row, and Wasson Hall, located at 64 Horseshoe Drive, to
9 the Town of Waterbury.

10 (1) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall notify, in
11 writing, the Town of Waterbury of the right to purchase or acquire the properties
12 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection provided that the following
13 conditions are met:

14 (A) the Town of Waterbury's Select Board takes a formal action on or
15 before October 15, 2023 indicating the Town's interest in purchasing or
16 acquiring the properties; and

17 (B) if the Town elects to purchase or acquire the properties, the Town
18 submits a written offer not later than June 1, 2024;

19 (2) If the conditions in subdivision (1) of this subsection are not met, then
20 the Commissioner's authority to subdivide, sell, or otherwise dispose of the
21 property described in this subsection shall be rescinded.

1 (c) 108 Cherry Street. Notwithstanding 29 V.S.A. § 166(b), the
2 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to sell the
3 property located at 108 Cherry Street in the City of Burlington. The
4 Commissioner shall first offer in writing to the City the right to purchase the
5 property.

6 (1) The City's preferential right to purchase the property authorized in
7 this subsection shall terminate unless the City submits a written notification to
8 the Commissioner of its intent to purchase the property on or before October 15,
9 2023.

10 (2) If the City submits a notification of its intent to purchase the property
11 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the City shall submit a written
12 offer to the Commissioner on or before April 1, 2024. In the event the City fails
13 to submit a written offer on or before April 1, 2024, the City's preferential right
14 to purchase the property shall terminate and the Commissioner is authorized to
15 sell the property to another party.

16 Sec. 23. RELOCATION OF STATE EMPLOYEES; DEPARTMENT OF
17 BUILDINGS AND GENERAL SERVICES; CITY OF
18 BURLINGTON

19 Prior to the sale of the building located at 108 Cherry Street in Burlington,
20 the Department of Buildings and General Services shall work with the City of

1 Burlington to find another appropriate location in downtown Burlington to
2 relocate State employees who provide client services.

3 Sec. 24. 32 V.S.A. § 701a is amended to read:

4 § 701a. CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION BILL

5 (a) When the capital budget has been submitted by the Governor to the
6 General Assembly, it shall immediately be referred to the House Committee on
7 Corrections and Institutions, which shall proceed to consider the budget request
8 in the context of the 10-year capital program plan also submitted by the
9 Governor pursuant to sections 309 and 310 of this title. The Committee shall
10 also propose to the General Assembly:

11 (1) a prudent amount of total general obligation bonding for the following
12 fiscal year, for support of the capital budget, in consideration of the
13 recommendation of the Capital Debt Affordability Advisory Committee
14 pursuant to chapter 13, subchapter 8 of this title; and

15 (2) recommendations for capital projects that may be paid for from the
16 Cash Fund for Capital Infrastructure and Other Essential Investments,
17 established in section 1001b of this title.

18 (b) As soon as possible, the Committee shall prepare a bill to be known as
19 the “capital construction bill,” which shall be introduced for action by the
20 General Assembly.

1 (c) The spending authority authorized by a capital construction act shall
2 carry forward until expended, unless otherwise provided.

3 (1) All unexpended funds remaining for projects authorized by capital
4 construction acts enacted in a legislative session that was two or more years
5 prior to the current legislative session shall be reported to the General Assembly
6 and may be reallocated in future capital construction acts.

7 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, any amounts
8 appropriated in a previous capital construction act that are unexpended for at
9 least five years shall be reallocated to future capital construction acts.

10 (d)(1) On or before ~~January 15~~, November 15 each year, the Commissioner
11 of Finance and Management shall require each entity to which spending
12 authority has been authorized by a capital construction act enacted in a
13 legislative session that was two or more years prior to the current legislative
14 session ~~shall submit to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and~~
15 ~~the Senate Committee on Institutions~~ to submit a report on the current fund
16 balances of each authorized project with unexpended funds. The report shall
17 include plans for the unexpended funds, any projects or contracts the funds are
18 assigned to, and an anticipated timeline for expending the funds.

19 (2) On or before December 15 each year, the Commissioner of Finance
20 and Management shall submit in a consolidated format the reports required by

1 subdivision (1) of this subsection to the House Committee on Corrections and
2 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.

3 (e) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall
4 not apply to the reports to be made under subsections (c) and (d) of this section.

5 Sec. 25. 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 50, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

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8 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2022:

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10 (8) Newport, courthouse replacement, site acquisition and planning and
11 design: \$500,000.00

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13 (c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2023:

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15 (7) Newport, courthouse replacement, site acquisition and planning and
16 design: \$525,000.00

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18 * * * Corrections * * *

19 Sec. 26. 29 V.S.A. § 170a is added to read:

1 § 170a. DESIGN OF CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES; USE OF EVIDENCE-
2 BASED DESIGN PRINCIPLES FOR WELLNESS
3 ENVIRONMENTS

4 The Department of Buildings and General Services shall coordinate with the
5 Department of Corrections on the design and planning for any maintenance,
6 renovation, or construction to a State correctional facility to ensure that
7 evidence-based design principles for wellness environments are incorporated
8 into the design and planning phase of a project.

9 Sec. 27. NORTHWEST STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; FUNDING
10 REQUEST FOR FEDERAL DETAINEES; INTENT FOR
11 BOOKING EXPANSION DESIGN

12 (a) On or before August 15, 2023, the Secretary of Human Services shall
13 request federal funds to support capital construction at the Northwest State
14 Correctional Facility, which houses federal detainees, including U.S.
15 Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees. The Commissioner of
16 Finance and Management shall only release the funds appropriated in Sec.
17 3(b)(1) of this act upon notification from the Secretary that the request was
18 submitted.

19 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commissioner of
20 Buildings and General Services shall incorporate into booking expansion design
21 at the Northwest State Correctional Facility:

1 (1) renovations to the HVAC system;

2 (2) enhanced employee amenities, including amenities to address
3 employee health and wellness needs;

4 (3) the use of renewable energy; and

5 (4) the use of evidence-based principles for wellness environments for
6 supporting trauma-informed practices.

7 Sec. 28. REPLACEMENT WOMEN’S FACILITIES; SITE LOCATION
8 PROPOSAL; DESIGN INTENT

9 (a)(1) Site location proposal. On or before January 15, 2024, the
10 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a site location
11 proposal for replacement women’s facilities for justice-involved women to the
12 House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on
13 Institutions. It is the intent of the General Assembly that when evaluating site
14 locations, preference shall be given to State-owned property. The proposal shall
15 consider both colocating facilities in a campus-style approach for operational
16 efficiencies and the need for separate facilities at different locations.

17 (2) Beginning September 15, 2023 and ending December 15, 2023, the
18 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit monthly status
19 reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this
20 subsection (a).

1 (b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
2 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the
3 Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any women’s
4 replacement facility the use of evidence-based principles for wellness
5 environments for supporting trauma-informed practices.

6 Sec. 29. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, REPLACEMENT
7 WOMEN’S FACILITIES; REPORT

8 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the State’s long-term goal
9 and vision for justice-involved individuals includes their reentry into the
10 community through a system of supports grounded in restorative justice
11 principles.

12 (b) On or before November 15, 2023, the Department of Corrections shall
13 submit a written report to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions
14 and on Judiciary and the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Judiciary
15 regarding the proposed size and scale of replacement women’s facilities. The
16 report shall address the following:

- 17 (1) proposed allocation of beds in correctional and reentry facilities;
18 (2) bed types for specialized populations in each facility; and
19 (3) data and rationale used to inform size of each facility.

1 Sec. 32. STATE HOUSE; EXPANSION; DESIGN; SPECIAL COMMITTEE

2 (a) The Department of Buildings and General Services has contracted with
3 Freeman French Freeman to develop programming options that will be the basis
4 for a schematic design for the expansion of the State House. The programming
5 options will be finalized in June 2023 and the schematic design in November
6 2023 when the General Assembly is not in session. It is the intent of the
7 General Assembly to approve the programming option for a schematic design
8 plan for the State House expansion as soon as practicable to allow the
9 Department of Buildings and General Services to begin the design development
10 phase of the expansion.

11 (b) A special committee consisting of the Joint Legislative Management
12 Committee and the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and
13 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions (special committee) is
14 hereby established. The special committee is authorized to meet to review,
15 approve, or recommend alterations to the schematic design described in
16 subsection (a) of this section at a regularly scheduled Joint Legislative
17 Management Committee meeting. In making its decision, the special committee
18 shall consider:

19 (1) how the design impacts the ability of the General Assembly to
20 conduct legislative business;

21 (2) allows for public access to citizens;

