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Introduced by Committee on Corrections and Institutions

Date:

Subject: Capital construction; State bonding; budget adjustment

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adjust the  
FY 2019 capital construction budget.

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment

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

Sec. 1. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 2 is amended to read:

Sec. 2. STATE BUILDINGS

\* \* \*

(b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018:

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(13) Burlington, 108 Cherry Street, ~~parking garage, repairs design,~~  
engineering, and architectural costs for the repair or replacement of the  
existing building and related eligible project costs: \$5,000,000.00

(c) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019:

(1) Statewide, planning, use, and contingency:

~~\$500,000.00~~ \$600,000.00



1 environmental remediation associated with the retaining wall project:

2 \$1,400,000.00

3 (16) St. Albans, Franklin County Courthouse, ADA renovations, new

4 handicap access ramp and related exterior renovations: \$300,000.00

5 (17) Waterbury, Waterbury State Office Complex, Stanley and Wasson,

6 demolition of Stanley Hall, and programming, schematic design, and design

7 development for Wasson Hall: \$950,000.00

8 (18) Rutland, Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility, repair of the

9 historic brick and stone masonry wall used as the perimeter security for the

10 facility: \$600,000.00

11 \* \* \*

12 (e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to

13 use the funds in subdivision (b)(13) of this section to purchase a new building

14 or land, or both, to replace the John J. Zampieri State Office Building if he or

15 she determines it is in the best interest of the State to sell 108 Cherry Street in

16 Burlington.

17 (f) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(13) of this section, the

18 Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall evaluate all proposals

19 for a generator, including the use of a generator or battery backup. After

20 evaluation of the proposals, the Commissioner of Buildings and General

21 Services shall notify the Chairs of the House Committee on Corrections and

1 Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions of the decision prior to  
2 the purchase of a generator or battery backup. If required by 29 V.S.A.  
3 chapter 6, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall ensure  
4 that the Capitol Complex Commission is provided with the proposal.

5 (g) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
6 use up to \$250,000.00 from the amount appropriated in subdivision (c)(2) of  
7 this section to prepare a State-owned building for sale if any renovations are  
8 needed.

9 ~~Appropriation – FY 2018 \$27,857,525.00~~

10 ~~Appropriation – FY 2019 \$27,853,933.00 \$29,567,964.00~~

11 ~~Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$55,711,458.00 \$57,425,489.00~~

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*Total Appropriation – Section 2 \$55,711,458.00 \$57,423,189.00*

12 Sec. 2. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 3 is amended to read:

13 Sec. 3. HUMAN SERVICES

14 \* \* \*

15 (b) The sum of \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department  
16 of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
17 projects described in subsection (a) of this section. The following sums are  
18 appropriated in FY 2019 to the Department of Buildings and General Services

1 for the Agency of Human Services:

2 (1) Statewide correctional facilities, cameras, locks, perimeter intrusion  
3 at correctional facilities, and renovations for up to 50 beds at the Southeast  
4 State Correctional Facility: \$300,000.00

5 (2) Chittenden County Regional Correctional Facility and Southern  
6 State Correctional Facility, renovations, beds for therapeutic placement:  
7 \$600,000.00

8 (3) Secure residential facility, replacement of the facility in Middlesex:  
9 \$2,500,000.00

10 (4) Essex, Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center, ~~psychiatric~~  
11 ~~residential treatment facility,~~ design and construction documents:  
12 \$1,000,000.00

13 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
14 use the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(3) of this section to purchase  
15 land or a building, or both, to replace the secure residential facility currently  
16 located in Middlesex. Any funds remaining after the purchase of land or a  
17 building may be used for design documents either to renovate a building or  
18 construct a new building.

19 (d) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, it is  
20 the intent of the General Assembly that the funds be used for three beds in the  
21 Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and ten beds in the Southern State

1 Correctional Facility for persons in the custody of the Department of  
2 Corrections who do not meet the clinical criteria for inpatient hospitalization  
3 but would benefit from a more therapeutic placement.

4	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$300,000.00
5	Appropriation – FY 2019	<del>\$300,000.00</del>	<u>\$4,400,000.00</u>
6	Total Appropriation – Section 3	<del>\$600,000.00</del>	<u>\$4,700,000.00</u>

7 Sec. 3. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 4 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 4. JUDICIARY

9 \* \* \*

10 (c) The sum of \$1,496,398.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Judiciary  
11 for the case management IT system.

12	Appropriation – FY 2018		\$3,050,000.00
13	<u>Appropriation – FY 2019</u>		<u>\$1,496,398.00</u>
14	Total Appropriation – Section 4	<del>\$3,050,000.00</del>	<u>\$4,546,398.00</u>

15 Sec. 4. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 5 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 5. COMMERCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

17 \* \* \*

18 (c) The sum of ~~\$200,000.00~~ \$300,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the  
19 Department of Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Commerce  
20 and Community Development for major maintenance at historic sites  
21 statewide.

1 (d) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of  
2 Commerce and Community Development for the following projects described  
3 in this subsection:

4 (1) Underwater preserves: \$30,000.00

5 (2) Placement and replacement of roadside historic markers:  
6 \$15,000.00 ~~\$29,693.00~~

7 (3) VT Center for Geographic Information, digital orthophotographic  
8 quadrangle mapping: \$125,000.00

9 \* \* \*

10 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$450,000.00

11 Appropriation – FY 2019 ~~\$370,000.00~~ \$484,693.00

12 Total Appropriation – Section 5 ~~\$820,000.00~~ \$934,693.00

13 Sec. 5. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 6 is amended to read:

14 Sec. 6. GRANT PROGRAMS

15 \* \* \*

16 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 for Building  
17 Communities Grants established in 24 V.S.A. chapter 137:

18 \* \* \*

19 (9) To the Enhanced 911 Board for the Enhanced 911 Compliance

20 Grants Program for school safety: \$225,000.00

21 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$1,475,000.00

1 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$1,400,000.00 \$1,625,000.00  
2 Total Appropriation – Section 6 \$2,875,000.00 \$3,100,000.00

3 Sec. 6. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 10 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 10. NATURAL RESOURCES

5 \* \* \*

6 (e) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of  
7 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation for the  
8 projects described in this subsection:

9 \* \* \*

10 (3) State's share of the Federal Superfund and State Lead Hazardous  
11 Waste Program (Elizabeth Mine and Ely Mine): \$2,755,000.00 \$177,259.00

12 \* \* \*

13 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$10,914,000.00

14 Appropriation – FY 2019 \$8,205,000.00 \$5,627,259.00

15 Total Appropriation – Section 10 \$19,119,000.00 \$16,541,259.00

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17 Sec. 7. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 11 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 11. CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES

19 \* \* \*

20 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018 to the Agency of  
21 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation projects

1 described in this subsection:

2 \* \* \*

3 (4) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, pollution control projects and  
4 planning advances for feasibility studies, new projects (Ryegate, Springfield,  
5 ~~St. Johnsbury~~, and St. Albans): \$2,704,232.00

6 \* \* \*

7 (d)(1) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2018 to the Vermont  
8 Housing and Conservation Board for the following projects:

9 (1)(A) Statewide water quality improvement projects or other  
10 conservation projects: \$2,800,000.00

11 (2)(B) Water quality farm improvement grants or fee purchase projects  
12 that enhance water quality impacts by leveraging additional funds:  
13 \$1,000,000.00

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

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

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

19 (e) The sum of ~~\$2,000,000.00~~ \$3,615,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to  
20 the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets for Best Management Practices  
21 and, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, and the Capital

1 Equipment Assistance Program.

2 (f) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2019 to the Agency of  
3 Natural Resources for the Department of Environmental Conservation projects  
4 described in this subsection:

5 \* \* \*

6 (2) ~~EcoSystem restoration and protection~~ Restoration and Protection  
7 grant programs: \$5,000,000.00

8 (A) Standard EcoSystem Restoration and Protection programs:  
9 \$3,959,988.00

10 (B) Municipal Roads Grant-in-Aid: \$3,097,944.00

11 (C) Multi-Sector Clean Water Block Grants: \$2,000,000.00

12 (3) Municipal Pollution Control Grants, new projects (Colchester,  
13 Rutland City, St. Albans, Middlebury, and St. Johnsbury):  
14 \$1,407,268.00 \$4,044,092.00

15 ~~(4) Clean Water Act, implementation projects: \$11,112,944.00~~

16 ~~The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation shall use funds~~  
17 ~~appropriated in subdivision (2) of this subsection to support the purchase and~~  
18 ~~installation of the Lake Carmi aeration system.~~

~~(4) Clean Water Act, implementation projects: \$11,112,944.00~~

~~The Commissioner of Environmental Conservation may use up to~~  
~~\$1,600,000.00 of the amounts appropriated in subdivision (2) of this~~

subsection to support capital-eligible clean water projects for Lake Carmi; provided, however, that the Commissioner shall provide prior notification of any project and its cost to the Chairs of the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife and of the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Natural Resources and Energy.

(5) For the amount appropriated in subdivision (2)(B) of this subsection, on or before January 15, 2019, the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation shall report back to the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Transportation and of the Senate Committees on Institutions and on Transportation with a description and cost of each project that received funding.

1 (g)(1) The ~~sum of 2,750,000.00~~ following sums are appropriated in

2 FY 2019 to the Vermont Housing and Conservation Board ~~for:~~

3 (A) statewide water quality improvement projects or other

4 conservation projects; \$2,750,000.00

5 (B) water quality farm improvement grants or fee purchase projects:

6 \$1,200,000.00

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

8 (A) shall not be considered a State grant under 6 V.S.A. chapter 215,

9 subchapter 3 for purposes of calculating the maximum amount of a State water

10 quality assistance award under 6 V.S.A. § 4824 or 4826; and



1 Sec. 8. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 13 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 13. PUBLIC SAFETY

3 \* \* \*

4 (b) ~~The sum of \$5,573,000.00 is~~ following sums are appropriated in  
5 FY 2019 to the Department of Buildings and General Services ~~for:~~

6 (1) construction of the Williston Public Safety Field Station:

7 \$5,573,000.00

8 (2) East Cottage, Robert H. Wood Criminal Justice and Fire Training

9 Center, renovation and fit up, and historic windows: \$1,850,000.00

10 (c) The sum of \$4,000,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the  
11 Department of Public Safety for the School Safety and Security Grant  
12 Program.

13 Appropriation – FY 2018 \$1,927,000.00

14 Appropriation – FY 2019 ~~\$5,573,000.00~~ \$11,423,000.00

15 Total Appropriation – Section 13 ~~\$7,500,000.00~~ \$13,350,000.00

16 Sec. 9. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 16. VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

18 \* \* \*

19 (c) ~~The sum of \$50,000.00 is~~ following sums are appropriated in FY 2019  
20 to the Vermont Veterans' Home for:

21 (1) resident care furnishings: \$50,000.00



1 Pilot Program to provide equipment to support adult tech programs.

2 Sec. 11. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 16b is added to read:

3 Sec. 16b. SERGEANT AT ARMS

4 The sum of \$15,000.00 is appropriated in FY 2019 to the Sergeant at Arms  
5 for an assessment of the sound system in the State House and 1 Baldwin Street  
6 pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 62(a)(8). The Sergeant at Arms shall inform interested  
7 stakeholders of the outcome of the assessment.

8 Sec. 12. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 18 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 18. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS; TRANSFER OF FUNDS

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

13 \* \* \*

14 (22) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,

15 Sec. 5(a) (County courthouses, ADA compliance, repairs and upgrades):

16 \$2,079.09

17 (23) of the amount appropriated in 2011 Acts and Resolves No. 40,

18 Sec. 5(b) (County courthouses, ADA compliance, repairs and upgrades):

19 \$18,688.70

20 (24) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,

21 Sec. 4(b)(1) (UVM Health Lab, colocation): \$383.90



1 Buildings and General Services to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 2 of  
2 this act:

3 \* \* \*

4 (4) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,  
5 Sec. 11(a)(1) (water pollution control): \$8,221.85

6 (5) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,  
7 Sec. 11(a)(8) (municipal pollution control grants, Waterbury): \$136,824.00

8 (e) The following unexpended funds appropriated to the Agency of  
9 Commerce and Community Development for capital construction projects are  
10 reallocated to defray expenditures authorized in Sec. 5(d) of this act,  
11 placement and replacement of historic site markers:

12 (1) of the amount appropriated in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 51,  
13 Sec. 6(a)(2) (Bennington monument, structural repairs and ADA compliance):  
14 \$1,224.51

15 (2) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,  
16 Sec. 6(b) (Bennington monument, elevator, roof repairs): \$1,997.73

17 (3) of the amount appropriated in 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 26,  
18 Sec. 6(c) (Bennington monument, elevator, roof repairs): \$6,469.60

19 ~~Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 18~~  
20 ~~\$14,822,286.78 \$15,909,516.87~~

*Total Reallocations and Transfers – Section 18*

~~\$14,822,286.78~~ \$15,967,218.87

1 Sec. 13. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 19 is amended to read:

2 Sec. 19. GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND APPROPRIATIONS

3 (a) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue general obligation bonds in  
4 the amount of \$132,460,000.00 for the purpose of funding the appropriations  
5 of this act. The State Treasurer, with the approval of the Governor, shall  
6 determine the appropriate form and maturity of the bonds authorized by this  
7 section consistent with the underlying nature of the appropriation to be funded.  
8 The State Treasurer shall allocate the estimated cost of bond issuance or  
9 issuances to the entities to which funds are appropriated pursuant to this  
10 section and for which bonding is required as the source of funds, pursuant to  
11 32 V.S.A. § 954.

12 (b) The State Treasurer is authorized to issue additional general obligation  
13 bonds in the amount of \$10,936,961.00 that were previously authorized but  
14 unissued under this act for the purpose of funding the appropriations of  
15 this act.

16 Total Revenues – Section 19                      \$132,460,000.00 \$143,396,961.00

17 Sec. 14. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

18 Sec. 20. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS

19 \* \* \*

20 (c) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to

1 sell the John J. Zampieri State Office Building located at 108 Cherry Street in  
2 Burlington pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166. The proceeds  
3 from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction projects and  
4 expended within two years after the date of sale.

5 (d) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to  
6 sell or transfer the buildings and adjacent land located at 1987 Rockingham  
7 Road in Rockingham (Troop Headquarters and Garage) pursuant to the  
8 requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166; provided, however, that if a transfer occurs,  
9 the buildings and adjacent land may only be transferred to another State  
10 agency for a State use. If the buildings and adjacent land are sold, the  
11 proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction  
12 projects and expended within two years after the date of sale.

*(e) The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to*  
*sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at*  
*102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.*  
*The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction*  
*projects and expended within two years after the date of sale.*

13 Sec. 15. 2012 Acts and Resolves, No. 104, Sec. 14, amending 2011 Acts and  
14 Resolves, No. 40, Sec. 26, is further amended to read:

15 Sec. 14. Sec. 26 of No. 40 of the Acts of 2011 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 26. ~~PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS; MISCELLANEOUS~~

1       ~~The commissioner of buildings and general services may sell the Asa~~  
2       ~~Bloomer State Office Building and the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center in~~  
3       ~~accordance with the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166(d) and following~~  
4       ~~negotiations with the City of Rutland. If negotiations with the city result in the~~  
5       ~~city's management of the Transit Center, the commissioner may use \$81,000 in~~  
6       ~~unexpended capital funds previously appropriated to the department for other~~  
7       ~~purposes to purchase a flexible parking machine for the Transit Center. It is~~  
8       ~~the intent of the general assembly that state offices remain downtown.~~

9       ~~[Repealed.]~~

*Sec. 15a. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 20(b) is amended to read:*

*(b) ~~The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to~~*  
*~~sell the Rutland Multi-Modal Transit Center (parking garage) located at~~*  
*~~102 West Street in Rutland pursuant to the requirements of 29 V.S.A. § 166.~~*  
*~~The proceeds from the sale shall be appropriated to future capital construction~~*  
*~~projects. [Repealed.]~~*

*Sec. 15b. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 29 is amended to read:*

*Sec. 29. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 1, Sec. 100(c), as amended by 2014*  
*Acts and Resolves No. 179, Sec. E.113.1 and 2015 Acts and Resolves No. 58,*  
*Sec. E.113.1, is further amended to read:*

*(c) Sec. 97 (general obligation debt financing) shall take effect on ~~July 1,~~*  
*~~2018~~ July 1, 2019.*

1 Sec. 16. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Secs. 33a and 33b are added to read:

2 \* \* \* Labor \* \* \*

3 Sec. 33a. ADULT CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION  
4 EQUIPMENT GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

5 (a) The General Assembly hereby establishes a pilot grant program to  
6 authorize the Department of Labor, in consultation with the State Workforce  
7 Development Board, to administer the Adult Career and Technical Education  
8 Equipment Grant Pilot Program to support the purchase of equipment  
9 necessary for the delivery of occupational training for students enrolled in a  
10 postsecondary course offered by Vermont's Career and Technical Education  
11 Centers.

12 (b) An applicant's training program shall qualify for a grant described in  
13 subsection (a) of this section if it includes all of the following requirements:

14 (1) meets current occupational demand, as evidenced by current labor  
15 market information;

16 (2) aligns with a career pathway or set of stackable credentials involving  
17 a college or university accredited in Vermont;

18 (3) guarantees delivery of equipment to more than one region of the  
19 State;

20 (4) is supported with a business or industry partnership;

21 (5) sets forth how equipment will be maintained, insured, shared, and

1 transported, if applicable; and

2 (6) is endorsed by the Adult Career and Technical Education  
3 Association.

4 (c) Grants awarded under this program shall be used to purchase capital-  
5 eligible equipment. Grants shall not be used to support curriculum  
6 development, instruction, or program administration.

7 (d) On or before July 15, 2018, the Department shall develop and publish a  
8 simplified grant application that meets the criteria described in subsection (b)  
9 of this section. The Department shall consult with the Agency of Education  
10 and the State Workforce Development Board in reviewing applications and  
11 selecting grantees.

12 (e) Grantees shall have ownership over any share of equipment purchased  
13 with the use of these funds. Any equipment purchased from this program may  
14 also be used by secondary career technical education programs.

15 (f) On or before February 15, 2019, the Department of Labor shall submit  
16 a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the  
17 Senate Committee on Institutions that includes the following:

18 (1) how the funds were used, expected outcomes, recommended  
19 performance metrics to ensure success of the program, and any other relevant  
20 information that would inform future decisions about the use of this program;

21 (2) assessment of the functionality and accessibility of shared-

1 equipment agreements; and

2 (3) how, and the extent to which, the program shall be funded in the  
3 future.

4 \* \* \* Sunset of Adult Career and Technical Education

5 Equipment Grant Program \* \* \*

6 Sec. 33b. REPEAL OF ADULT CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
7 EDUCATION EQUIPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

8 The Adult Career and Technical Education Equipment Grant Program  
9 established in Sec. 33a of this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.

10 Sec. 17. 2017 Acts and Resolves No. 84, Sec. 36a is added to read:

11 Sec. 36a. SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

12 (a) Creation. There is created the School Safety and Security Grant  
13 Program to be administered by the Department of Public Safety to enhance  
14 safety and security in Vermont schools, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 3447.

15 (b) Use of funds. Grants authorized in subsection (a) of this section shall  
16 be used for the planning, delivery, and installation of equipment for upgrades  
17 to existing school security equipment and new school security equipment  
18 identified through threat assessment planning and surveys designed to enhance  
19 building security.

20 (c) Guidelines. The following guidelines shall apply to capital grants for  
21 school safety measures:

1           (1) Grants shall be awarded competitively to schools for capital-eligible  
2           expenses to implement safety and security measures identified in a security  
3           assessment. Capital-eligible expenses may include video monitoring and  
4           surveillance equipment, intercom systems, window coverings, exterior and  
5           interior doors, locks, and perimeter security measures.

6           (2) Grants shall only be awarded after a security assessment has been  
7           completed by the Agency of Education and Department of Public Safety.

8           (3) The Program is authorized to award one-to-one matching grants of  
9           up to \$25,000.00 per school. The required match shall be met through dollars  
10          raised and not in-kind services. It is the intent of the General Assembly that  
11          grants shall be used to match federal funds from the Department of Homeland  
12          Security at a ratio of four State dollars to one federal dollar.

13          (d) Administration. The Department of Public Safety, in coordination with  
14          the Agency of Education, shall administer and coordinate grants made  
15          pursuant to this section. Grant funds shall not be used to administer the  
16          Program.

17          (e) Reporting. The Department of Public Safety shall provide notice of  
18          any grants awarded under this section to the Chairs of the Senate Committee  
19          on Institutions and the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions.

*Sec. 17a. SCHOOL SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP; REPORT*

*(a) Creation. There is created the School Safety Advisory Group to develop*

statewide guidelines and best practices concerning school safety and the prevention of school shootings.

(b) Membership. The Advisory Group shall be composed of the following ~~six~~ seven members:

(1) the Secretary of Administration or designee;

(2) the Secretary of Education or designee;

(3) the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee;

(4) the Executive Director of the Vermont School Boards Association or designee;

~~(5) the President of the Vermont National Education Association or designee; and~~

~~(6) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association.~~

(5) the President of the Vermont National Education Association or designee;

(6) a representative of the Vermont Principals' Association; and

(7) the Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools Association.

(c) Powers and duties. The Advisory Group shall study the following issues and develop specific guidelines and best practices for Vermont schools concerning them:

(1) improving security in and around school buildings and property;

(2) ensuring staff and students know what they should do in the event of a school shooting or other incident;

(3) training for staff and students, including the type and frequency of the training;

(4) sharing information with parents and community if an event occurs; and

(5) gathering information on security measures implemented in schools from corresponding State education and public safety departments in states where school shootings have occurred.

(d) Assistance. The Advisory Group shall have the administrative, technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Education and the Department of Public Safety.

(e) Report. On or before July 1, 2018, the Advisory Group shall submit a written report to the General Assembly with its findings, including specific guidelines and best practices, and any recommendations for legislative action necessary to ensure that all schools in Vermont begin implementing those guidelines and best practices and have a plan for compliance before the beginning of the next school year.

(f) Meetings.

(1) The Secretary of Education shall call the first meeting of the Advisory Group.

(2) The Commissioner of Public Safety or designee shall be the Chair.

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

(4) The Advisory Group shall cease to exist on July 1, 2019.

(g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Advisory Group who are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for meetings. These payments shall be made from monies appropriated to the General Assembly.

1                   \* \* \* Sunset of School Security Grant Program \* \* \*

2           Sec. 18. REPEAL OF SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

3           The School Safety and Security Grant Program established in Sec. 17 of

4           this act shall be repealed on July 1, 2019.

5           Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE

6           This act shall take effect on passage.