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An act relating to offenders with mental illness

The Senate concurs in the House Proposal of Amendment with further proposal of amendment as follows:

First: By striking out Sec. 1 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. [Deleted.]

Second: By striking out Sec. 2 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 2. [Deleted.]

Third: By striking out Sec. 7 in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 7. AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES; REPORT TO STANDING
COMMITTEES

On or before January 18, 2018, the Secretary of Human Services shall report to the House and Senate Committees on Judiciary, the House Committees on Corrections and Institutions and on Health Care, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on how best to provide mental health treatment and services to inmates and detainees housed in a correctional facility, including recommendations on whether those services should be provided by a classified State employee working within the Agency of Human

Services, by designated agencies, or by other professionals contracted for professional mental health care services within the Department.

Fourth: By striking out Sec. 11, substance abuse recovery services at correctional facilities; study, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 11. JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE;
SUBSTANCE ABUSE RECOVERY SERVICES AT
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

During the 2017 legislative interim, the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall evaluate approaches to substance abuse recovery services in correctional facilities for inmates, including the use of medication-assisted therapy. Any resulting legislative recommendations shall be introduced as a bill in the 2018 legislative session.

Fifth: In Sec. 12, effective dates, by striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Secs. 3 (general definitions), 4 (28 V.S.A. § 701a(b)), 5 (mental health service for inmates; powers and responsibilities of commissioner), 7 (Agency of Human Services; report to standing committees), 8 (legislative intent, Department of Corrections; use of segregation), and 11 (Joint Legislative Justice Oversight; substance abuse recovery services at correctional facilities) shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

Sixth: In Sec. 12, effective dates, by striking out subsection (d) in its entirety.