

Bill/Act	Sec.	Report From	Deadline	Subject (Copied from Act)
<u>H.2 / Act 4 of 2025</u> An act relating to increasing the minimum age for delinquency proceedings	Sec. 10	Agency of Human Services	July 1, 2026 Dec. 1, 2026	(a) On or before July 1, 2026 and December 1, 2026, the Agency of Human Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Senate and House Committees on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, the Senate Committee on Institutions, the House Committee on Human Services, and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare on its progress toward implementing the requirement of this act that the Raise the Age initiative take effect on July 1, 2027. The progress reports required by this section shall describe progress toward implementation of the Raise the Age initiative, as measured by qualitative and quantitative data related to the following priorities: (1) establishing a secure residential facility; (2) expanding capacity for nonresidential treatment programs to provide community-based services; (3) ensuring that residential treatment programs are used appropriately and to their full potential; (4) expanding capacity for Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) contracts; (5) expanding capacity for the provision of services to children with developmental disabilities; (6) establishing a stabilization program for children who are experiencing a mental health crisis; (7) enhancing long-term treatment for children; (8) programming to help children, particularly 18- and 19-year-olds, transition to adulthood;

				(9) developing district-specific data and information on family services workforce development, including turnover, retention, and vacancy rates; times needed to fill open positions; training opportunities and needs; and instituting a positive culture for employees; (10) installation of a comprehensive child welfare information system; and (11) plans for and measures taken to secure funding for the goals listed in this section. (b) The report required by this section shall provide utilization data for the Red Clover Treatment Facility, including how many youths utilize the Facility on a monthly and annual basis, the length of stay, the treatment needs of the youths who are placed at the Facility, racial and gender demographic data for youths who are placed at the Facility, and any other data deemed relevant by the Department. (c) Failure to meet one or more of the progress report elements listed in subsection (a) of this section shall not be a basis for extending the implementation of the Raise the Age initiative beyond July 1, 2027.
<u>H.294 / Act 139 of 2026</u> An act relating to telecommunications services and wages in correctional facilities	Sec. 2	Department of Corrections	Sept. 15, 2026 (first draft) Nov. 15, 2026 (updated draft)	(a) On or before December 1, 2026, the Department of Corrections shall provide to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions a written report evaluating options for providing no-cost telecommunications services to inmates in the Department’s custody that: (1) describes the current telecommunications service model, including usage rates, costs, and contract terms under existing provider arrangements; (2) describes alternative options for providing telecommunications services, including through nonprofit providers or as a regulated public utility;

				(3) analyzes the cost to the State of each alternative, including: (A) start-up and transition costs, both with and without Wi-Fi; (B) ongoing operational and administrative costs; (C) cost comparisons to the current model; (D) impacts on Department budgets; (E) anticipated changes in service usage and volume; and (F) any anticipated benefits or savings, including reasonably ascertainable impacts on behavior, security, safety, and an incarcerated person’s ability to sustain support systems; and (4) identifies implementation, operational, and transition considerations for each alternative, including: (A) administrative, technological, and contractual requirements; (B) operational changes; (C) implementation timeline; and (D) any required statutory, regulatory, or policy updates. (b) The Department of Corrections shall provide to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee for the Committee’s analysis and input (1) a first draft of the report on or before September 15, 2026; and (2) an updated draft of the report on or before November 15, 2026.
<u>H.550 / Act 117 of 2026</u>	Sec. 10	Department of Corrections	Aug. 1, 2026	(a) On or before August 1, 2026, the Department of Corrections shall submit a revised search policy to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee.

An act relating to gender equity within Vermont's correctional facilities				(b) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall review the policy and recommend whether updates to the policy are warranted and what, if any, statutory changes might be warranted.
	Sec. 12	Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee	Oct. 15, 2026	On or before October 15, 2026, the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall review current practices related to gender-affirming care in correctional settings and submit a report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions. The report shall include recommended statutory language.
<u>H.937 / Act 165 of 2026</u> An act relating to miscellaneous judiciary procedures	Sec. 38	DSAS, Defender General, AHS, Judiciary	August 2026 meeting	(a) The Department of State's Attorneys and Sheriffs, the Defender General, the Agency of Human Services, and the Judiciary shall appear at the August 2026 meeting of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee to report progress on the implementation of the rapid accountability dockets. <i>[See Secs. 31-37 of H.937 for requirements related to implementation of rapid accountability dockets]</i>
<u>H.951 / Act 144 of 2026</u> An act relating to making appropriations for the support of the government	Sec. E.300.1	Department for Children and Families, Department of Buildings and General Services	August, October, and December 2026 JLJOC meetings	At the August, October, and December 2026 meetings of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services shall report on their plan to develop the Green Mountain Youth Facility.
<u>H.952 / Act 163 of 2026</u>	Sec. 17		Contingent on use of funds	Among the uses of the funds appropriated in 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Secs. 3(b)(7) and 19(f)(11), as amended by this act, the Department of Buildings and General Services shall prioritize repairs of bathrooms, showers, and flooring at the Chittenden Regional

An act relating to capital construction and State bonding budget adjustment				Correctional Facility. If the Department of Buildings and General Services applies funds to other correctional facilities to respond to overcrowding at the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services and the Commissioner of Corrections shall provide an overview of the use of funds to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee at the Committee’s regularly scheduled meetings in calendar year 2026.
	Sec. 18 *same as H.951 Sec. E.300.1	Department for Children and Families, Department of Buildings and General Services	August, October, and December 2026 JLJOC meetings	(a) At the August, October, and December 2026 meetings of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Departments for Children and Families and of Buildings and General Services shall report on their plan to develop the Green Mountain Youth Facility.
	Sec. 19	Commissioner of Corrections and the State Chief Information Officer of Digital Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services	At each scheduled JLJOC meeting in 2026	The Commissioner of Corrections and the State Chief Information Officer of Digital Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, shall report to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee at each scheduled meeting of the Committee in calendar year 2026 on the plan for providing network connectivity in State correctional facilities authorized pursuant to 2025 Acts and Resolves No. 33, Sec. 19(f)(21), including any prioritization and schedule.
<u>S.193 / Act 147 of 2026</u> An act relating to establishing a forensic facility for	Sec. 7	Secretary of Human Services or designee	August and November 2026 JLJOC meetings	At the August and November 2026 meetings of the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee, the Secretary of Human Services or designee shall provide an interim status update on the development of the feasibility plan required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and on the emergency rulemaking required by Sec. 12 of this act. <i>Feasibility plan required pursuant to subsection (a) of Sec. 7: On or before January 15, 2027, the Secretary of Human Services, in</i>

certain criminal justice- involved persons				consultation with the Department of Buildings and General Services, shall submit a feasibility plan for the development and operation of a forensic facility to the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, on Health Care, on Human Services, and on Judiciary and to the Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Health and Welfare, on Institutions, and on Judiciary. The feasibility plan shall assume that operation, staffing, and programming at the forensic facility shall be provided by the Agency of Human Services or its departments, with the exception that the Department of Corrections shall not play a role in its operation, the provision of services, or internal security, other than the provision of security services for the facility at the admitting area and around the outside perimeter if the facility is co-located on the grounds of a correctional facility. The feasibility plan shall address the following: (1) the proposed location of a forensic facility, which shall be independent from a correctional facility, and, if on the same grounds as a correctional facility, shall be separated by sight and sound; (2) the proposed design plans for a forensic facility that allows for the ability to separate residents by sex or gender and clinical need; (3) the number of beds within a forensic facility; (4) the entity or entities responsible for operating and providing services in a forensic facility; (5) the timeline for constructing a stand-alone forensic facility or fitting up an existing stand-alone facility to operate as a forensic facility; (6) the estimated cost of constructing or fitting up and operating a forensic facility; (7) which aspects of the therapeutic community residence rule would need to be modified to operate the forensic facility as a therapeutic community residence;
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				(8) the clinical services available at a forensic facility, including on-site competency restoration services; (9) the proposed staffing levels, staff qualifications, and potential contracting needs necessary to establish a multidisciplinary clinical team at the forensic facility that reflects best practices, including required evidence-based, trauma-informed staff training and multiple potential staffing strategies; (10) the physical and staff security plan within and around the perimeter of a forensic facility, including therapeutic design and clinical supervision that reflect best practices, which shall not involve the Department of Corrections, with the exception that employees of the Department of Corrections may provide security services for the facility at the admitting area and around the outside perimeter of the facility if it is co-located on the grounds of a correctional facility; (11) a resident discharge and community monitoring plan from each department with custody of individuals in the forensic facility, developed in consultation with the Department of Corrections, that prioritizes community safety and provides residential, clinical, and case management services; (12) opportunities and cost estimates for persons who would be eligible for placement at the forensic facility to receive, while the development of a forensic facility in Vermont is pending, placement in an out-of-state residence where clinically appropriate programming can be provided; (13) a plan for the expansion of 1988 Acts and Resolves No. 248 to include individuals with a cognitive disability; (14) annual reporting metrics on the demographics, outcomes, and staffing at the forensic facility; and
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				(15) any recommendations for legislative action to effectuate the development of a therapeutic, trauma-informed forensic facility. <i>Emergency rulemaking required by Sec. 12:</i> (a) On or before December 31, 2026, the Secretary of Human Services, in consultation with the Departments of Corrections; of Health; of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living, shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 to establish an interim forensic and competency restoration program that shall be effective on July 1, 2027 and shall operate pending the completion of a permanent forensic facility. The emergency rules shall establish for the interim forensic and competency restoration program and consistent with the standards and procedures of Secs. 9, 10, and 11 of this act: (1) clinically appropriate standards governing the provision of services in the forensic and competency restoration program, including requirements related to staffing patterns and ratios; staff qualifications; where the person is placed within a Department of Corrections facility; licensure and training; clinical supervision; and the delivery of safe, effective, evidence-informed care; (2) standards for quality assurance and improvement, clinical oversight, documentation and reporting requirements; safety and risk management protocols, and mechanisms for monitoring compliance; (3) the manner in which the Department of Corrections would cooperate with and obtain necessary information from other departments about persons released under supervision from the forensic and competency restoration program; (4) opportunities and cost estimates for persons who would be eligible for placement at the forensic facility to receive, while the development of a forensic facility in Vermont is pending, competency restoration services within a Vermont correctional
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				facility, provided that the entity which provides the services shall not be under contract with the Department of Corrections; (5) victim notification procedures, including: (A) which events within the program will trigger victim notification; (B) who will provide victim notification and by what methods; (C) how victims will be informed of their right to receive notifications; and (D) the processes that will permit victims to opt in and opt out of receiving notifications; and (6) any other provisions necessary to ensure the safe, effective, and clinically appropriate implementation of Secs. 9, 10, and 11 of this act, including potentially requiring the provision of forensic services in a unit that is separate from other correctional populations. (b) The emergency rules adopted pursuant to this section shall: (1) be deemed to have met the standard for emergency rulemaking set forth in 3 V.S.A. § 844(a); (2) notwithstanding 3 V.S.A. § 844(b), remain in effect until July 1, 2029, and (3) be repealed on July 1, 2029.
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