

**No. 19. An act relating to extending the state's reporting concerning transportation of children in state custody and transportation of individuals in the custody of the commissioner of mental health.**

(H.426)

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

Sec. 1. Sec. 23 of No. 172 of the Acts of the 2007 Adj. Sess. (2008) is amended to read:

Sec. 23. Sec. 3 of No. 180 of the Acts of the 2005 Adj. Sess. (2006) is amended to read:

Sec. 3. DATA COLLECTION

(a) On or before January 31, ~~2009, January 31, 2010~~ 2013, and January 31, ~~2014~~ 2015, the commissioner of the department for children and families shall report to the house committee on human services and the senate committee on health and welfare data for the preceding ~~year~~ two years regarding the transportation of children in the custody of the commissioner by a sheriff or deputy sheriff. The data shall include the number and gender of children transported to various locations and geographic distribution of the use of such transports.

(b) On or before January 31, ~~2009, January 31, 2010~~ 2013, and January 31, ~~2014~~ 2015, the commissioner of the department of mental health shall report to the house committee on human services and the senate committee on health and welfare data for the preceding ~~year~~ two years regarding the transportation

of persons in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 7511. The data shall include the number, method, and location of all adult and child transports.

(c) The department for children and families, the department of mental health, the department of corrections, the department of state's attorneys and sheriffs, the office of the defender general, and the court administrator's office shall meet to discuss protocols for the secure transport of children, persons being hospitalized for mental illness, and pregnant inmates who are in state custody and develop strategies for reducing the frequency and necessity of secure transports using mechanical restraints. The group shall provide the house committee on human services and the senate committee on health and welfare with a letter detailing its findings and recommendations no later than ~~January 15, 2009~~ January 15, 2012.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

Approved: May 11, 2011