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2 Introduced by Representatives Lorber of Burlington, Donahue of Northfield,

3 Fisher of Lincoln and Poirier of Barre City

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Corrections; health care services; feasibility study

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the department of  
8 corrections to conduct a feasibility study and cost-savings analysis for creating  
9 a system to provide comprehensive health care services to inmates housed  
10 within the state and eliminate the need to contract out for these services.

11 An act relating to providing health care services within the department of  
12 corrections

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

14 Sec. 1. FEASIBILITY STUDY

15 (a) The department of corrections, in conjunction with the department of  
16 health and the department of Vermont health access, shall conduct a feasibility  
17 study of establishing a mechanism for providing comprehensive health care  
18 services to inmates housed within the state to eliminate the need to contract out  
19 for these services.

1        (b) As part of the requirements of subsection (a) of this section, the study  
2        shall provide an estimate of any cost savings to the state and shall consider  
3        whether the mechanism could be combined with any ongoing health care  
4        reform initiatives in the state.

5        (c) No later than September 15, 2011, the department shall provide a report  
6        to the corrections oversight committee and the health care reform commission.

7        Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

8        This act shall take effect on passage.