

**Act No. 156 (S.291). Corrections; property; State bonding**

**An act relating to the establishment of transition units at State correctional facilities**

This act finds that there are offenders in Vermont who are eligible for release from State correctional facilities but who are not released due to a lack of suitable housing, and expresses the General Assembly's intent that the Department of Corrections explore the creation of secure transitional facilities so that offenders may return to their home communities. This act directs the Commissioner of Corrections to examine and make recommendations for the establishment of transitional facilities under the supervision of the Department of Corrections, including an evaluation of costs associated with establishing transitional facilities, a detailed budget, an estimate of State capital funding needs, potential site locations, proposed programming and services, and eligibility guidelines. This act also requires the Commissioner of Corrections to submit the recommendations to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions on or before January 15, 2015.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014