

1 S.291

2 Introduced by Senators Fox, Flory, and Sears

3 Referred to Committee on Institutions

4 Date: January 7, 2014

5 Subject: Corrections; correctional facilities; transition units

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish
7 transition units at each State correctional facility for offenders granted
8 reintegration furloughs.

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

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

12 Sec. 1. TRANSITION UNITS AT STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

13 (a) On or before November 1, 2014, the Department of Corrections shall
14 develop and provide to the Joint Corrections Oversight Committee a proposal
15 for programs and services available to offenders at each transition unit
16 established under subsection (b) of this section. The proposal shall include a
17 detailed budget for funding:

18 (1) costs associated with remodeling each State correctional facility to
19 incorporate a transition unit; and

1 (2) transportation costs for transporting offenders to and from their place
2 of employment.

3 (b) Of the amount appropriated to the Department of Corrections in the
4 FY ~~2015~~ 2016 Capital Construction Act, sufficient funding shall be allocated
5 to establish transition units at each State correctional facility , *except as*
6 *otherwise provided in subsection (c), to enable offenders granted furloughs*
7 pursuant to 28 V.S.A. § 808c to work in the community while residing in the
8 facility.

9 *(c) No State-owned work camp shall be required to establish a transition*
10 *unit under this section.*

11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2014.