

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Corrections and Institutions to which was referred Senate
3 Bill No. 218 entitled “An act relating to temporary employees” respectfully
4 reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the House propose
5 to the Senate that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 2, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in
7 lieu thereof a new Sec. 2 to read:

8 Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROVISIONS RELATING TO
9 CONTRABAND

10 (a) The Commissioner of Corrections shall adopt rules pursuant to 3 V.S.A.
11 chapter 25 regarding procedures for conducting searches of the personal
12 belongings of any person who enters the secure portion of a State correctional
13 facility. The Commissioner shall consult with the Joint Legislative
14 Corrections Oversight Committee in developing these rules and shall report
15 periodically to the Committee regarding the implementation of these
16 procedures and any issues of concern.

17 (b) The Commissioner shall identify the types and amounts of contraband,
18 and the methods used to transport contraband into each State correctional
19 facility, including perimeter breaches, mail, and contacts with visitors. The
20 Commissioner shall include this information in the Commissioner’s regular

1 monthly reports to the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee from
2 July 1, 2014 through December 1, 2014.

3 (c) On or before December 1, 2015, the Commissioner shall make
4 recommendations to the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight Committee
5 regarding strategies to prevent contraband from entering State correctional
6 facilities.

7 (d) The Commissioner may conduct preemployment drug screening in
8 accordance with 21 V.S.A. § 512 of all permanent and temporary employees
9 hired after July 1, 2014 and may conduct background investigations, including
10 obtaining criminal history records in accordance with 20 V.S.A. § 2056a, prior
11 to hiring any permanent or temporary employee.

12 (e) On or before October 15, 2014, the Department of Corrections shall
13 prepare and submit a report to the Joint Legislative Corrections Oversight
14 Committee on security and safety concerns at State correctional facilities
15 arising from public or private entities employing offenders through work
16 programs.

17 Second: In Sec. 4, by striking out the section in its entirety and inserting in
18 lieu thereof two new sections to read:

1 Sec. 4. CONTACT VISITS

2 The Commissioner of Corrections shall update the Joint Legislative
3 Corrections Oversight Committee on a process for permitting offenders to earn
4 contact visits if the contact privilege was taken away.

5 Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATES

6 (a) This section and Secs. 2 and 4 shall take effect on passage.

7 (b) Secs. 1 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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10 (Committee vote: _____)

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Representative _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE