

Sec. 2. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PROVISIONS RELATING TO
CONTRABAND

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

(b) The Commissioner shall identify the types and amounts of contraband, and the methods used to transport contraband into each State correctional facility, including perimeter breaches, mail, and contacts with visitors. The Commissioner shall include this information in the Commissioner's regular monthly reports to the Joint Committee on Corrections Oversight from July 1, 2014 through December 1, 2014.

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

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