

Act No. 125 (S.212). Corrections

An act relating to court-approved absences from home detention and home confinement furlough

This act continues and expands the existing Windham County Electronic Monitoring Pilot Program, which is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2016. The program permits the court to impose electronic monitoring as a condition of a defendant's release after consideration of:

- The nature of the offense the defendant is charged with;
- The defendant's prior convictions, history of violence and mental health needs, flight risk, history of supervision; and
- Any risk or undue burden to other people in the community or risk to public safety posed by the defendant.

The act extends the Program for 2 more years, until June 30, 2018, and permits it to be expanded to counties other than Windham County if the sheriff of the other county enters into a written agreement with the Windham County Sheriff. The Department of Corrections and the Department of States Attorney's and Sheriffs are required to enter into a memorandum of understanding for oversight and funding of the Program, and the Windham County Sheriff is required to establish written policies and procedures for the Program and submit them for approval to the Justice Oversight Committee by June 30, 2016.

The act also establishes more stringent requirements for authorized absences from the home confinement furlough program by offenders convicted of listed crimes, and requires the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee to study gender-based sentencing during the 2016 interim.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on May 23, 2016