

Proposal 1 ~ 28 V.S.A. §120 Changes

§ 120. Department of Corrections Education Program; independent school

(a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department of Corrections ~~for the education of persons who have not completed secondary education and to provide risk reduction services to those who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner and assessed to have a moderate-high criminogenic need based upon corrections risk assessment(s).~~

(b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under 16 V.S.A. § 166, ~~shall comply with the education quality standards provided by 16 V.S.A. § 165,~~ and shall be coordinated with adult education, special education, and career technical education.

(c) Program supervision. The Commissioner of Corrections shall ~~appoint a Director of Corrections Education, who shall be hire a~~ licensed ~~as an~~ administrator under 16 V.S.A. chapter 51, to serve as the ~~Superintendent Headmaster of Corrections Education the Community High School of Vermont~~ and coordinate use of other education programs by persons under the supervision of the Commissioner.

(d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as required in 16 V.S.A. chapter in accordance with the program description used for independent school approval 401 at each correctional facility and Department service center, ~~but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical educational course.~~

(e) [Repealed.]

(f) Reimbursement payments. The provision of 16 V.S.A. § 4012, relating to payment for State-placed students, shall not apply to the Corrections education program.

(g) [Repealed.]

(h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the Commissioner who are assessed to have a moderate to high criminogenic need under the age of 23 and have not received a high school diploma shall are eligible to participate in an education program ~~unless exempted by the Commissioner.~~ The Commissioner may approve the participation of other students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or diversion program. (Added 1987, No. 207 (Adj. Sess.), § 2; amended 1991, No. 204 (Adj. Sess.), § 11; 1997, No. 84 (Adj. Sess.), § 1; 2001, No. 149 (Adj. Sess.), §§ 38, 39, eff. June 27, 2002; 2007, No. 64, § 4; 2007, No. 192 (Adj. Sess.), § 6.030; 2011, No. 63, § E.337; 2011, No. 88 (Adj. Sess.), § 1, eff. April 25, 2012; 2013, No. 92 (Adj. Sess.), § 302, eff. Feb. 14, 2014; 2015, No. 23, § 29; 2015, No. 58, § E.337.)