

1 Sec. X. 28 V.S.A. § 120 is amended to read:

2 § 120. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS EDUCATION PROGRAM;
3 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

4 (a) Authority. An education program is established within the Department
5 of Corrections ~~for the education of persons who have not completed secondary~~
6 ~~education and~~ to provide education and risk reduction services to those who
7 are committed to the custody of the Commissioner and assessed to have a
8 moderate to high criminogenic need based on risk assessment conducted by the
9 Department.

10 (b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be
11 approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under 16
12 V.S.A. § 166, ~~shall comply with the education quality standards provided by~~
13 ~~16 V.S.A. § 165,~~ and shall be coordinated with adult education, special
14 education, and career technical education.

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

1 (d) Curriculum. The education program shall offer a minimum course of
2 study, as defined in 16 V.S.A. § 906, and special education programs as
3 required in 16 V.S.A. chapter 101 ~~at each correctional facility and Department~~
4 ~~service center, but is not required to offer a driver training course or a physical~~
5 ~~educational course.~~

6 (e) [Repealed.]

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

10 (g) [Repealed.]

11 (h) Required participation. All persons under the custody of the
12 Commissioner ~~who are under the age of 23 and have not received a high~~
13 ~~school diploma shall~~ assessed to have a moderate to high criminogenic need
14 are eligible to participate in an education program ~~unless exempted by the~~
15 ~~Commissioner.~~ The Commissioner may approve the participation of other
16 students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or
17 diversion program.