

VERMONT **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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## Title 28 : Public Institutions And Corrections

### Chapter 009 : Administration Of The Correctional Facilities

#### § 601. Powers and responsibilities of the supervising officer of each correctional facility

The supervising officer of each facility shall be responsible for the efficient and humane maintenance and operation and for the security of the facility, subject to the supervisory authority conferred by law upon the Commissioner. Each supervising officer is charged with the following powers and responsibilities:

(1) To receive, retain in confinement, and to release, in accordance with law, inmates duly committed to the Department and transferred to the facility, or duly committed to the facility.

(2) To enforce the provisions of law and the regulations of the Department for the administration of the facility, the government of its officers, and the treatment, training, employment, care, discipline, and custody of the inmates.

(3) To take proper measures to protect the safety of the inmates and personnel of the facility.

(4) To take proper measures to prevent the escape of inmates and to effect their recapture.

(5) To maintain and improve the buildings, grounds, and appurtenances of the facility.

(6) To make recommendations concerning the appointment of professional, technical, skilled, and other subordinate officers and employees for the facility.

(7) To establish and administer rules, including rules for the operation of the facility, consistent with the provisions of this title and the general policies and regulations of the Department.

(8) To give reasonable notice of promulgated rules and regulations to inmates confined at the facility.

(9) To maintain and preserve records on the management and operation of the facility, including records concerning any industries and wage funds of inmates, and to report thereon to the Commissioner at such times as the Commissioner may require.

(10) To establish and maintain, in accordance with such rules and regulations as are established by the Commissioner, a central file at the facility containing an individual file for each inmate. Except as otherwise may be indicated by the rules and regulations of the Department, the content of the file of an inmate shall be confidential and shall not be subject to public inspection except by court order for good cause shown and shall not be accessible to inmates at the facility. Except as otherwise provided by law, the contents of an inmate's file may be inspected, pursuant to a court order issued ex parte, by a state or federal prosecutor as part of a criminal investigation if the court finds that the records may be relevant to the investigation. The information in the files may be used for any lawful purpose but shall not otherwise be made public. (Added 1971, No. 199 (Adj. Sess.), § 20; 2009, No. 58, § 20.)