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Introduced by Representatives Davis of Washington, McCormack of
Burlington, and Pearson of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Corrections; study committee; reintegration services

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create a
committee to study the cost of providing comprehensive reintegration services
for persons released from State correctional facilities.

An act relating to the creation of the Reintegration Services Study
Committee

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. REINTEGRATION SERVICES; STUDY COMMITTEE; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created the Reintegration Services Study Committee
to study the cost of implementing a program providing comprehensive
reintegration services for persons released from State correctional facilities.

(b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following nine
members:

1 (1) two current members from the House Committee on Corrections and
2 Institutions, one of whom shall be the Chair of the Committee, and one of
3 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

4 (2) two current members from the Senate Committee on Institutions, one
5 of whom shall be the Chair of the Committee, and one of whom shall be
6 appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore;

7 (3) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee;

8 (4) the Commissioner of Finance and Management or designee;

9 (5) the Commissioner of Housing and Community Development or
10 designee; and

11 (6) two members of prisoner advocacy groups, who shall be appointed
12 by the Governor.

13 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall study the implementation of a
14 program providing comprehensive reintegration services to persons released
15 from State correctional facilities, including the following issues:

16 (1) the cost of detaining persons eligible for release;

17 (2) what reintegration services persons released from correctional
18 facilities typically require, and the cost of these services;

19 (3) what entity could most efficiently and effectively administer
20 comprehensive reintegration services; and

1 (4) whether transferring funds currently used in detaining persons
2 beyond their date of eligibility for release to reintegration services programs
3 would result in cost savings.

4 (d) Report. On or before December 15, 2016, the Committee shall submit a
5 written report to the General Assembly with its findings and any
6 recommendations for legislative action.

7 (e) Meetings.

8 (1) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
9 first meeting.

10 (2) A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

11 (3) The Committee shall cease to exist on December 15, 2016.

12 (f) Reimbursement.

13 (1) For attendance at meetings during adjournment of the General
14 Assembly, legislative members of the Committee shall be entitled to per diem
15 compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to 2 V.S.A. § 406 for
16 no more than four meetings.

17 (2) Other members of the Committee who are not employees of the
18 State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated or reimbursed for
19 their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation and reimbursement
20 of expenses pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for no more than four meetings.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on passage.