

Sec. 30. VERMONT STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES;
COMMITTEE; ASSESSMENT; REPORT

(a) Creation. There is created a Correctional Facility Planning Committee to develop a 20-year capital plan for, and assess the population needs at, Vermont State correctional facilities.

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

- (1) the Commissioner of Corrections or designee, who shall serve as chair;
- (2) the Commissioner of Finance and Management or designee;
- (3) the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services or designee;
- (4) the Commissioner for Children and Families or designee;
- (5) the Commissioner of Mental Health or designee;
- (6) the Commissioner of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living or designee;
- (7) the Executive Director of the Crime Research Group or designee; and
- (8) the President of the Vermont State Employees' Association or designee.

(c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall assess the capital and programming needs of State correctional facilities, which shall include the following:

- (1) An evaluation of the use, condition, and maintenance needs of each State correctional facility, including whether any facility should be closed,

renovated, relocated, or repurposed. This evaluation shall include an update of the most recent facilities assessment as of June 30, 2016:

(A) each facility's replacement value;

(B) each facility's deferred maintenance schedule; and

(C) the cost of each facility's five-, ten-, and 15-year scheduled maintenance.

(2) An analysis of the historic population trends of State correctional facilities, and anticipated future population trends, including age, gender, and medical, mental health, and substance abuse conditions.

(3) An evaluation of whether the design and use of existing facilities adequately serve the current population and anticipated future populations, including whether the Out-of-State inmate program may be eliminated and the feasibility of constructing new infrastructure more suitable for current and future populations.

(4) An investigation into all available options for constructing new facilities.

(5) An evaluation on potential site locations for a replacement State correctional facility.

(d) Report and recommendations. On or before February 1, 2017, the Committee shall submit a report based on the assessment described in subsection (d) of this section, and any recommendations for legislative action, to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions.