

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~~ to provide educational, vocational, and risk  
6 reduction services to persons who have not completed secondary education and  
7 who are committed to under the custody of the Commissioner who are eligible  
8 or required to participate in the program pursuant to subsection (h) of this  
9 section.

10 (b) Applicability of education provisions. The education program shall be  
11 approved by the State Board of Education as an independent school under  
12 16 V.S.A. § 166, ~~shall comply with the education quality standards provided~~  
13 ~~by 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~~ custody 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6 (e) [Repealed.]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10 (g) [Repealed.]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~~ Participation. ~~All persons~~ Any person under the  
12 custody of the Commissioner is eligible to participate in the education program  
13 described in subsection (a) of this section; provided, however, that  
14 participation is mandatory for all persons who are under the age of 23 years of  
15 age and have not received a high school diploma shall participate in an  
16 ~~education program~~ unless exempted by the Commissioner. The Commissioner  
17 may approve the participation of other students, including individuals who are  
18 enrolled in an alternative justice or diversion program.