

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6 (e) [Repealed.]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10 (g) [Repealed.]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 who has not received a high school diploma may
13 participate in the education program described in subsection (a) of this section;
14 provided, however, that participation is mandatory for all persons who are
15 under ~~the age of 23~~ years of age and have not received a high school diploma
16 ~~shall participate in an education program~~ unless exempted by the
17 Commissioner. The Commissioner may approve the participation of other
18 students, including individuals who are enrolled in an alternative justice or
19 diversion program.