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Subject: Proposed language for Approps Bill Re Corrections from Ed Committee

Overall purpose of amendment:

It is our understanding that the GF transfer to EF will be made at statutory level, therefore the EF outlook amounts for Comm HS of VT and Adult Ed will be \$3.8 and \$5.8 respectively. We propose a cut to each of these EF line items by \$250,000 resulting in recommended EF appropriations of \$3.55 and \$5.55 respectively. Further we wish to encourage/require these two programs to begin talking with the goal of incorporating these programs to best serve adults without HS diplomas regardless of whether their status is as under the jurisdiction of DOC or not.

Specifically:

Add language that requires

1. that the two programs enter into agreements in which individuals who participate in both programs are eligible to participate in either, and to identify programatic and funding streams that lead to better integration of education services leading to high school completion for the populations served by each.

2. (a) for participants outside of prison, establishes population outcomes and metrics that are common to both programs that measure how individuals participating in both are measured by his or her progress through to high school completion.

(b) for incarcerated offenders

for DOC to adopt the outcome that all offenders will effectively work on programs that lead to high school completion by requiring participation in programs directed to high school completion emphasizing participation in the CHSVT and identifying metrics that quantify how often offenders under the age 23 attend programs and report the progress of individuals through his or her programs toward high school completion. Further for DOC to identify services currently provided by third party contractors that can be integrated into the curriculum of CHSVT.

3. Report back to the House and Senate Education and Appropriations committees by December 15, 2015 the results of progress toward agreements between Comm HS and Adult Ed including number of times they met, identification of legislative changes that may be needed to remove barriers to achieving these goals, and identify future savings and efficiencies that result from cooperation.