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Introduced by Representatives Colburn of Burlington, Hooper of Montpelier,
Lippert of Hinesburg, Cina of Burlington, Connor of Fairfield,
Conquest of Newbury, Houghton of Essex, Joseph of North
Hero, LaLonde of South Burlington, Morris of Bennington,
Rachelson of Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, and Willhoit of
St. Johnsbury

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Human services; corrections; opioid treatment program

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the
Commissioner of Corrections to seek certification and accreditation to operate
an opioid treatment program (OTP) in at least two State correctional facilities.

An act relating to opioid treatment programs in State correctional facilities

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

Sec. 1. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; OPIOID TREATMENT
PROGRAM

On or before July 1, 2019, the Commissioner of Corrections shall apply to
the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to
certify and accredit the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility and at least

1 one other State correctional facility to operate an opioid treatment program
2 (OTP) pursuant to 42 C.F.R. Part 8, as may be amended.

3 Sec. 2. 18 V.S.A. § 4751 is amended to read:

4 § 4751. PURPOSE

5 It is the purpose of this chapter to authorize the Departments of Health and
6 of Vermont Health Access to establish a regional system of opioid addiction
7 treatment. The Departments of Health and of Vermont Health Access shall
8 coordinate with the Department of Corrections to include any certified and
9 accredited State correctional facilities in the regional system of opioid
10 addiction treatment.

11 Sec. 3. 18 V.S.A. § 4754 is added to read:

12 § 4754. OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS IN STATE CORRECTIONAL
13 FACILITIES

14 The Commissioners of Health, of Corrections, and of Vermont Health
15 Access shall adopt a rule pursuant to 3 V.S.A. chapter 25 governing the
16 operation of certified and accredited opioid treatment programs in State
17 correctional facilities in accordance with 42 C.F.R. Part 8, as may be amended.
18 The rule shall include the requirements set forth in subsection 4752(b) of
19 this title.

20 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

21 This act shall take effect on passage.