

**2016 Acts and Resolves No. 172
(FY 2017 Budget Bill)**

***Language Relevant to Jurisdiction of
House Corrections and Institutions Committee***

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<i>Corrections</i>	<p><u>“(a) The Department will seek to reach an agreement with the community in which:</u></p> <p><u>(1) the Department of Corrections continues to utilize the North Unit of the Caledonia County Work Camp (CCWC) for offenders who are work camp eligible under 28 V.S.A. § 817; and</u></p> <p><u>(2) the Department of Corrections achieves full utilization of the facility by assigning no more than 50 beds in the South Unit for offenders who:</u></p> <p><u>(A) are classified as minimum custody as scored by the Department’s custody level instrument;</u></p> <p><u>(B) have completed their minimum sentence and are eligible for furlough or parole, but lack appropriate housing; and</u></p> <p><u>(C) an offender who is serving time for a sex offense conviction shall not be deemed to satisfy the criteria set forth in this section unless the offender is a resident of St. Johnsbury.</u></p> <p><u>(3) there are mutually acceptable resolutions to community concerns regarding:</u></p> <p><u>(A) security cameras and fencing;</u></p> <p><u>(B) the annual community facility hosting payment from the State; and</u></p>	

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	<p><u>(C) the educational and training programs for inmates at the facility who will be reentering the community. Such programs may include high school completion studies, ServSafe kitchen certification, lead abatement training, OSHA certification, and a partnership with the Agency of Transportation for a transportation academy.”</u></p>	
<p><i>Purchasing and Contracting</i></p>	<p><u>“(a) Pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 2222(a), the Secretary of Administration has issued Bulletin 3.5 establishing the general policy and minimum standards for soliciting, awarding, processing, executing, and overseeing contracts for service, as well as managing contract compliance. This Bulletin shall apply to the procurements of goods, products, and services of all State agencies in the Executive Branch. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Executive Branch complies with the requirements of Bulletin 3.5. It is also the intent that the State shall streamline its purchasing and contracting services.</u></p> <p><u>(b) The Secretary of Administration, the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, and interested stakeholders shall evaluate the State purchasing and contracting process. The evaluation shall include recommendations from the Chief Performance Officer, the Director of the Office of Purchasing and Contracting, the Commissioner of Finance and Management, and the Attorney General. As used in this subsection, “interested stakeholders” includes at least three vendors that regularly contract with the State, at least one Commissioner, and at least one Secretary.</u></p> <p><u>(c) On or before November 15, 2016, the Secretary of Administration and the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services shall submit a plan for the State’s purchasing and contracting services that</u></p>	<p>Purchasing and Contracting Report</p>

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	<p><u>will result in improved State services and increased financial savings. The plan shall include recommendations for:</u></p> <p><u>(1) creating a mechanism to enforce uniform compliance with State contracting law and procedures;</u></p> <p><u>(2) achieving cost efficiencies; and</u></p> <p><u>(3) implementing e-procurement and contract management systems.</u></p> <p><u>(d) The plan described in subsection (c) of this section shall be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on Government Operations and on Appropriations, to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the Senate Committee on Institutions.”</u></p>	