

House Calendar

Friday, February 21, 2020

46th DAY OF THE ADJOURNED SESSION

House Convenes at 9:30 A.M.

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**Senate Proposal of Amendment to House Proposal of Amendment to the
Senate Proposal of Amendment**

H. 760

An act relating to fiscal year 2020 budget adjustments

The Senate concurs in the House proposals of amendment to the Senate proposals of amendment with further proposal of amendment as follows:

In the *Third* House proposal of amendment by striking out Sec. 70a in its entirety, and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 70a to read as follows:

Sec. 70a. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; GRADUATED
SANCTIONS; REENTRY HOUSING; REPORT

(a) On or before April 1, 2020, the Department of Corrections shall report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary, the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions, and the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on how to strengthen existing graduated sanctions and incentives policies to ensure they reflect current research on best practices for responses to violation behavior that most effectively achieve behavior change and uphold public safety. The Department shall also identify reentry housing needs for corrections populations. As a part of this work, the Department shall submit its recommendations including initial cost estimates regarding:

(1) formalizing the use of incentives and sanctions in supervision practices at a 4:1 ratio and require incentives to be entered and tracked in the community supervision case management system;

(2) analyzing how supervision staff currently understand, implement, and input data regarding the Department's graduated sanctions policy to identify where practices differ across the State and, where necessary, provide additional staff training on the use and tracking of graduated sanctions;

(3) developing and implement a homeless screening tool for use when a person is booked into or released from Department facilities and track reports of homelessness among corrections populations in the Department's case management system;

(4) identifying and quantify high utilizers of corrections, homeless, and behavioral health services; inform statewide permanent supportive housing

planning; and establish data match partnerships with appropriate Agency of Human Services departments to match Department of Corrections, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Medicaid information;

(5) establishing a collaborative approach for the Department, the Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Department of Health to contract with housing providers to coordinate responses for shared clients and identify how the State can better leverage local and federal housing vouchers;

(6) leveraging federal Medicaid funding or other funding to allow the Department's contractors' clients to stay in supportive housing after they are no longer under the supervision of the Department;

(7) reducing barriers to recovery housing by establishing evidence-based norms and expectations for contracts and certifications for sober and recovery housing providers, including allowing for the use of medications and restricting evictions due to relapse;

(8) redefining housing requirements for incarcerated persons in order to receive approval for furlough release; and

(9) improving data and case management systems.

(For House Proposal of Amendment see House Journal Page 258, February 11, 2020 Page 258)

NEW BUSINESS

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H. 568

An act relating to human trafficking and prostitution

H. 688

An act relating to addressing climate change

Favorable with Amendment

S. 240

An act relating to recruiting new remote workers and new relocating workers

Rep. O'Sullivan of Burlington, for the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development, recommends that the House propose to the Senate that the bill be amended by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 20 is amended to read:

Sec. 20. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

The \$2,000,000.00 appropriated from the General Fund for economic development initiatives in Sec. C.100(30) of H.542 (2019) shall be allocated pursuant to this section.

(1) \$1,725,000.00 is allocated to the Agency of Commerce and Community Development as follows:

(A)(i) \$450,000.00 for economic development marketing:

(I) \$225,000 for economic development marketing pursuant to its authority in 3 V.S.A. § 2476(c) to execute the State's core Economic Development Marketing Plan through paid, owned, and earned media, utilizing technology, data, and analysis tools; and

(II) \$225,000.00 to identify, recruit, and provide relocation assistance to workers, including:

(aa) identifying target audiences;

(bb) targeting through digital and social media; and

(cc) implementing strategies that convert visitors to residents and awarding grants for regional partnerships to help recruitment efforts at the local and regional levels.

(ii) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Agency shall have the discretion to reallocate not more than \$225,000.00 of the funding allocated in this subdivision (1)(A) to provide additional incentives under the New Worker Relocation Incentive Program created in this act, the New Remote Worker Grant Program created in 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 197, Sec. 1, as amended by 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 80, Sec. 15, or both.

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Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.

(Committee vote: 10-0-1)

(For text see Senate Journal January 22, 2020, page 83.)

Rep. Myers of Essex, for the Committee on Appropriations, recommends the bill ought to pass when amended as recommended by the Committee on Commerce and Economic Development.

(Committee Vote: 8-3-0)

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An act relating to increasing the minimum wage.

Pending Question: Shall the House pass the bill, the failure of the Governor to approve notwithstanding??

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H. 557

An act relating to municipal regulation of livestock running at large

Rep. Hooper of Burlington, for the Committee on Government Operations, recommends the bill be amended as follows:

Sec. 1, 24 V.S.A. § 2291, in subdivision (29), immediately following the first sentence, by striking out the sentence “An ordinance adopted pursuant to this subdivision may provide for the impounding of livestock.”

(Committee Vote: 11-0-0)

Consent Calendar

Concurrent Resolutions for Adoption Under Joint Rule 16a

The following concurrent resolutions have been introduced for approval by the Senate and House and will be adopted automatically unless a Senator or Representative requests floor consideration before today's adjournment. Requests for floor consideration in either chamber should be communicated to the Secretary's office and/or the House Clerk's office, respectively. For text of resolutions, see Addendum to House Calendar and Senate Calendar of February 20, 2020.

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For Informational Purposes

CROSSOVER DATES

The Joint Rules Committee established the following Crossover deadlines:

(1) All Senate/House bills must be reported out of the last committee of reference (including the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means, except as provided below in (2) and the exceptions listed below) on or before Friday, March 13, 2020, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day – Committee bills must be voted out of Committee by Friday March 13, 2020.

(2) All Senate/House bills referred pursuant to Senate Rule 31 or House Rule 35(a) to the Committees on Appropriations and Finance/Ways and Means must be reported out by the last of those committees on or before Friday, March 20, 2020, and filed with the Secretary/Clerk so they may be placed on the Calendar for Notice the next legislative day.

Note: The Senate will not act on bills that do not meet these crossover deadlines, without the consent of the Senate Rules Committee.

Exceptions to the foregoing deadlines include the major money bills (the general Appropriations bill (“The Big Bill”), the Transportation Capital bill, the Capital Construction bill and the Fee/Revenue bills.

Public Hearings

PUBLIC HEARING

Held by the Senate Education Committee on the subject of a **Pupil Weighting Study, Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 4-6 P.M. in Room 11.** Clerk of the Committee: Senator Debbie Ingram; Committee Assistant: Jeannie Lowell.