

\* \* \* Corrections \* \* \*

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STUDY

(a) Intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly to work with the Council of State Governments (CSG) to assess the population trends and programming in the State's corrections system and that the State consider criminal justice reform strategies as part of the Justice Reinvestment II initiative. It is also the intent of the General Assembly that this assessment and initiative shall inform infrastructure needs for State correctional facilities.

(b) Study. The Legislative Branch shall contract with the Council of State Governments to work with the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches and conduct a review of programming, transitional services, and population trends in Vermont's correctional facilities. The review may include an evaluation of the women's population in Vermont and the programming and services needed to

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meet their needs, the detention population, and barriers that exist to reducing the population.

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