

Act No. 80 (2019)

Sec. 11. CORRECTIONS; WORKFORCE TRAINING

(a)(1) The Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Department of Labor, shall provide a standardized program of education and training for all new and existing probation and parole officers that includes components related to:

(A) minimizing barriers for offenders to obtaining and maintaining employment; and

(B) minimizing the impact of program and supervision requirements on the offender's employment, including monitoring and facilitating compliance with Department of Corrections case plan goals based on best practices and consistent with public safety.

(2) The Department of Corrections shall ensure that all incumbent probation and parole officers receive the education and training under the program on or before July 1, 2020.

(b) For each inmate who is sentenced to six months or longer, the Department of Corrections, in collaboration with the Department of Motor Vehicles and other necessary partners:

(1) shall assess if the inmate has access to a valid government-issued identification; and

(2) if not, upon verification of Vermont residency and other eligibility, shall provide the inmate with at least one form of government-issued identification.

(c) On or before December 1, 2019, the Departments of Corrections and of Labor shall report to the House Committees on Commerce and Economic Development and on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs and on Institutions concerning the implementation of this section.