Introduced by Representative Taylor of Colchester

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Corrections; Department of Corrections; annual report

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to require the Commissioner of Corrections to submit an annual report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions with requested data and information on the year-to-year performance of Department initiatives. The Commissioner shall consult annually with two members of the Committee to determine what information is required to be in the report the following year. The reporting requirement ceases on July 1, 2025.

An act relating to creating a Department of Corrections annual reporting requirement

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

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 123 is added to read:

§ 123. CORRECTIONS INITIATIVES AND DATA REQUESTS; REPORT

(a) On or before January 15 of each year, the Commissioner of Corrections shall submit an annual report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions on requested data and information regarding the year-to-year
performance of Department initiatives. The format and content of the data
included in the report shall be determined pursuant to the process set forth in
subsection (b) of this section.

(b)(1) Beginning on February 1, 2022 and each year thereafter, the Chair of
the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions (Committee) shall
appoint two members of the Committee to consult with the Commissioner of
Corrections to identify the data and information that shall be included in the
Department’s annual report described in subsection (a) of this section in the
following year.

(2) The content of the report shall be determined by reviewing previous
reports and assessing the relevance of data and information therein. The
Committee may require the inclusion of additional existing Department of
Corrections data in subsequent reports.

Sec. 2. REPEAL

28 V.S.A. § 123 (Corrections Initiatives; Report) is repealed on February 1,
2026.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.