

1 S.127

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Corrections; probation; pilot project

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
7 pilot project requiring the Department of Corrections to provide the court with
8 a report prior to sentencing to assist the court in setting conditions of probation
9 in felony cases.

10 An act relating to a pilot project for a Department of Corrections report to
11 assist the court setting conditions of probation

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

13 Sec. 1. PILOT PROJECT; DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

14 REPORT TO COURT; PROBATION CONDITIONS

15 (a) The Department of Corrections, in consultation with the Court
16 Administrator, shall establish a pilot project to provide the court with a report
17 prior to the sentencing of any defendant to a term of probation for a felony
18 pursuant to 28 V.S.A. § 205. The report shall be designed to assist the court in
19 setting probation conditions and shall include the defendant's risk and needs

1 assessment results, mental health and substance use disorder screening results,
2 and criminal history.

3 (b) The Department and the Court Administrator shall jointly select one or
4 two units in the Criminal Division for participation in the pilot project
5 established by this section. On or before December 1, 2022, the Department
6 shall report the results of the pilot project to the Joint Legislative Committee
7 on Justice Oversight. The report shall recommend whether the pilot project
8 should be made permanent throughout the State.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on passage.