

1 Sec. E.207 JOINT LEGISLATIVE JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE;
2 TRANSPORTS; STUDY; REPORT

3 (a) The Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee shall examine
4 the current system for transporting prisoners and persons with a mental
5 condition or psychiatric disability who are in the custody of the State,
6 including transports provided by deputy sheriffs who are paid by the State
7 pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 290(b) and transports provided pursuant to contracts
8 that certain State agencies have entered into with county sheriff's departments.
9 The Committee may recommend changes to the existing system and shall
10 identify any benefits and adverse consequences related to those recommended
11 changes. Any recommended changes shall comply with the Agency of Human
12 Services' policies on the use of restraints in accordance with 2017 Acts and
13 Resolves No. 85, § E.314.

14 (b) On or before November 15, 2021, the Committee shall submit a
15 report to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations, on Government
16 Operations, and on Judiciary regarding its findings and any recommendations
17 for legislative action.

18 (c) In conducting its review pursuant to this section, the Committee
19 shall review audits prepared by the Auditor of Accounts regarding the use of
20 deputies who are paid by the State pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §290(b) during the
21 state of emergency declared pursuant to Executive Order 01-20, as amended,
22 and the Inmate Transportation Study Report prepared pursuant to 2018 (Sp.
23 Sess.) Acts and Resolves No. 11, Sec. E.