

REPURPOSING USE OF 120-ACRE WINDSOR PRISON PROPERTY

Sec. xx. REHABILITATION OF STATE-OWNED PROPERTY IN WINDSOR

- (a) The secretary of administration, in consultation with the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Buildings and General Services, shall reallocate funds appropriated in Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 Capital Construction Acts, or to the Agency of Human Services, or both, as necessary to rehabilitate and repurpose the state owned 120-acre property in the Town of Windsor to serve as a medium or low risk correctional facility for adults and to create capacity for ten or more juveniles for which the Family Division of the Vermont Superior Court has found probable cause to believe are delinquent or in need of care and supervision (CHINS).
- (b) The secretary, consistent with the provisions of this section, shall develop a plan which will return to Vermont offenders now placed in out-of-state correctional facilities, including a privately run correctional facility owned by CoreCivic in Tallahatchie, Mississippi, once the Windsor facility is prepared to accept offenders.
- (c) Any contract or other agreement entered into by any agency or department of with a private corporation or other entity regarding the placement of adult offenders or juveniles, regardless of their legal status, shall include a provision that will enable the state to terminate the contract with advance notice of no more than 90 days.
- (d) The Departments of Children and Families and the Department of Mental Health shall, within 90 days of the effective date of this act, enter into a memorandum of understanding, or a revised memorandum of understanding, that will require the Department of Mental Health, in each case in which the DCF Family Services Division believes there is a mental health component that caused or substantially contributed to the juvenile becoming subject to a delinquency or CHINS petition, to conduct an assessment of the juvenile and based on the results of the screening, if warranted, make recommendations regarding mental health treatment, including residential mental health treatment, at an appropriate location.
- (e) The secretary shall provide a progress report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and to the Senate Institutions and Judiciary Committees on or about November 15, 2021 and shall thereafter periodically update the committees on the implemental of these directives.