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SHORT FORM

Introduced by Representatives Stone of Burlington, Toof of St. Albans Town,  
Krasnow of South Burlington, Berbeco of Winooski, Waters  
Evans of Charlotte, Dolan of Essex Junction, Headrick of  
Burlington, Boyden of Cambridge, Galfetti of Barre Town,  
Williams of Barre City, Hooper of Randolph, Mulvaney-Stanak  
of Burlington, Priestley of Bradford, Surprenant of Barnard, and  
Rice of Dorset

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Corrections; earned time; education

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the  
Department of Corrections' earned time program to included credit for all  
eligible offenders who obtain a higher education degree or other credential  
awarded by an accredited institution of higher education as designated by the  
Department of Corrections. The bill proposes that offenders shall earn a  
reduction in term of six months for obtaining a certificate or other credential  
that requires completion of at least 30 credit hours; a reduction of one year for  
an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree; a reduction of 18 months for a  
master's degree; and a reduction of two years for a doctoral degree. The bill

1 also proposes that any savings the Department of Corrections incurs from  
2 reducing incarceration resulting from this new earned time program shall be  
3 included in the Agency of Education's proposed budget to support Vermont  
4 institutions of higher education.

5 An act relating to expanding earned time to include credit for higher  
6 education degrees

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

8 (TEXT OMITTED IN SHORT-FORM BILLS)