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Introduced by Senators Sears, Baruth, Hashim, Lyons, Norris and Vyhovsky  
Referred to Committee on  
Date:  
Subject: Judiciary; Corrections; Justice Reinvestment  
Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to create  
additional reporting requirements to assess the effectiveness of Justice  
Reinvestment II expenditures.

An act relating to Justice Reinvestment II reporting requirements

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

Sec. 1. 28 V.S.A. § 125 is amended to read:

§ 125. JUSTICE REINVESTMENT II INITIATIVES; REPORT

(a) On or before January 15 each year, the Commissioner of Corrections, in  
consultation with the Commissioners of Health, of Mental Health, and for  
Children and Families; ~~and~~ the Attorney General; and other entities that  
receive Justice Reinvestment II funds, shall submit a report to the House  
Committees on Appropriations and on Corrections and Institutions and the  
Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary detailing the  
expenditures on Justice Reinvestment II and the following related initiatives:

1           (1) funding for domestic violence intervention programming in the  
2 Department of Corrections;

3           (2) funding for offender transitional housing capacity with the  
4 Department of Corrections and other departments;

5           (3) funding for the Department of Correction's data collection Offender  
6 Management System;

7           (4) funding for community-based mental health and substance use  
8 services for individuals under Department of Corrections supervision;

9           (5) funding provided for diversion and restorative justice programs  
10 including community justice centers, court diversion, and balanced and  
11 restorative justice (BARJ); and

12           (6) funding and a description of any other General Fund expenditures  
13 for Justice Reinvestment II initiatives.

14           (b) The provisions of 2 V.S.A. § 20(d) (expiration of required reports) shall  
15 not apply to the report to be made under this section.

16           (c) The report required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall  
17 include an assessment of the impacts that Justice Reinvestment II expenditures  
18 and its related initiatives have had on crime and violence in the State. The  
19 report shall explain whether the expenditures are effectively reducing crime  
20 and violence and if not, why. The report shall include any data related to  
21 reductions in recidivism; violations of conditions of release, probation, parole,

1 furlough, and whether any new offenses occur; and classify any violations or  
2 offenses committed as criminal or civil in nature.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2023.