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2 Representative Cina of Burlington moves that the bill be amended as  
3 follows:

4 First: In Sec. 3, 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 69, Sec. 3, human services, by  
5 striking out subsection (b) in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new  
6 subsection (b) to read as follows:

7 (b) The following sums are appropriated in FY 2025 to the Department of  
8 Buildings and General Services for the Agency of Human Services for the  
9 following projects described in this subsection:

10 (1) Northwest State Correctional Facility, booking expansion, planning,  
11 design, and construction: ~~\$2,500,000.00~~ \$2,600,000.00

12 (2) ~~Women's correctional facility and reentry facility, replacement,~~  
13 ~~planning and design~~ Statewide, correctional facilities, planning, design, and  
14 construction of building improvements and upgrades to create wellness  
15 environments for supporting trauma-informed practices: \$13,000,000.00

16 (3) Statewide, correctional facilities, HVAC systems, planning, design,  
17 and construction for upgrades and replacements:  
18 ~~\$700,000.00~~ \$5,150,000.00

19 (4) Statewide, correctional facilities, accessibility upgrades:  
20 \$822,000.00



1 ~~reports on the site location proposal described in subdivision (1) of this~~  
2 ~~subsection (a).~~

3 ~~(b) Design intent. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the~~  
4 ~~Commissioner of Buildings and General Services, in consultation with the~~  
5 ~~Commissioner of Corrections, shall incorporate into the design of any~~  
6 ~~women’s replacement facility the use of evidence based principles for wellness~~  
7 ~~environments for supporting trauma informed practices. [Repealed.]~~

8 Third: By striking out Sec. 25, replacement women’s facilities, authority to  
9 purchase land, and Sec. 26, potential reuse of Chittenden Regional  
10 Correctional Facility Site, feasibility, report, in their entireties and inserting in  
11 lieu thereof new Secs. 25 and 26 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 25. 29 V.S.A. § 170b is added to read:

13 § 170b. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,  
14 OR EXPANSION; MORATORIUM

15 Notwithstanding section 152 of this title or any other provision of law, the  
16 State shall not:

17 (1) study, plan, design, acquire, lease, search for site locations for, or  
18 construct a new correctional facility;

19 (2) expand the capacity of an existing correctional facility beyond its  
20 current design or rated capacity;

1           (3) convert any part of an existing or dormant correctional facility for  
2           the purpose of detention or incarceration, including to change or expand the  
3           populations incarcerated in that facility;

4           (4) renovate an existing or dormant correctional facility beyond  
5           requirements for maintenance or to comply with building code requirements;  
6           or

7           (5) repair an existing or dormant correctional facility for the purposes of  
8           expanding the facility or increasing its bed capacity.

9           Sec. 26. CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION,

10           OR EXPANSION; MORATORIUM; REPEAL

11           29 V.S.A. § 170b shall be repealed on July 1, 2029.

12           Fourth: After Sec. 23, 29 V.S.A. § 152, by inserting a Sec. 23a to read as  
13 follows:

14           Sec. 23a. STATE PROPERTY; CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL

15           TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED

16           INDIVIDUALS; REPORT

17           (a) On or before January 15, 2025, the Commissioner of Buildings and

18           General Services shall report to the House Committees on Corrections and

19           Institutions, on Health Care, and on Human Services and to the Senate

20           Committees on Health and Welfare and on Institutions regarding State

21           properties that could be utilized to provide residential treatment and housing

1 for justice-involved individuals. The report shall be prepared in consultation  
2 with the Commissioner of Corrections, the Secretary of Human Services,  
3 regional planning commissions for the areas in which the State properties  
4 under consideration are located, and other appropriate stakeholders.

5 (b) The report shall specifically identify:

6 (1) State properties that could be utilized to provide transitional housing,  
7 secure residential recovery facilities, therapeutic community residences, and  
8 other residential treatment facilities for justice-involved individuals; with  
9 preference given to site locations near support services, programming, and  
10 work opportunities needed to facilitate successful reentry into the community;  
11 and

12 (2) properties identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection  
13 that are located adjacent to or in reasonable proximity to publicly or privately  
14 owned sites that could be utilized for residential or mixed-use development  
15 that could be facilitated through the construction of infrastructure or  
16 improvements, including utilities and roads, needed for the development of the  
17 property identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection.