

Proposed Amendment to Act 40 of 2023
Miscellaneous Judiciary Bill
March 6, 2024

Sec. 2. 28 V.S.A. § 126 is amended to read:

§ 126. COORDINATED JUSTICE REFORM ADVISORY COUNCIL

(5) on or before September 1, 2023 and annually thereafter, recommend to the Commissioner of Corrections ~~the~~ a new appropriate allocation of not more than \$900,000.00 from the Justice Reinvestment II line item of the Department of Corrections' budget for the upcoming subsequent fiscal year to support community-based programs and services, related data collection and analysis capacity, and other initiatives in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

(e) Reports. On or before November 15, 2023 and annually thereafter, the Coordinated Justice Reform Advisory Council shall submit recommendations pursuant to subdivisions (c)(4) and (c)(5) of this section to the Joint Legislative Justice Oversight Committee; the Senate Committees on Appropriations and on Judiciary; and the House Committees on Appropriations, on Corrections and Institutions, and on Judiciary. Any recommendations submitted pursuant to subdivision (c)(4) shall be in the form of proposed legislation. The Council shall include in its reports its efforts to consult with the organizations listed in subsection (c)(3) of this section.

(c) The Commissioner is charged with the following responsibilities:

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(23) To include the Coordinated Justice Reform Advisory Council's appropriation recommendations made pursuant to subdivision 126(c)(5) of this title in the Department's annual proposed budget for the upcoming subsequent fiscal year for the purposes of developing the State budget required to be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with 32 V.S.A. § b306.