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2 Senators Gulick, Hardy, Lyons, Weeks, and Williams move that the bill be
3 amended as follows:

4 First: By inserting a new reader assistance heading and Sec. 1 to read as
5 follows:

6 * * * Purpose * * *

7 Sec. 1. PURPOSE

8 It is the purpose of this act to enable the Commissioners of Mental Health
9 and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living to seek treatment and
10 programming for certain individuals in a forensic facility. An initial forensic
11 facility shall be located in the nine-bed unit of the current Vermont Psychiatric
12 Care Hospital. This unit shall be relicensed as a therapeutic community
13 residence.

14 and by renumbering the existing Sec. 1 to be Sec. 1a

15 Second: In Sec. 8, 18 V.S.A. § 7627, subsection (o), in the first sentence,
16 by striking out the word “the” after the phrase “the court may”

17 Third: By inserting a reader assistance heading and new Secs. 20 and 21
18 after Sec. 19 to read as follows:

19 * * * Presentation and Report * * *

20 Sec. 20. PRESENTATION; FORENSIC FACILITY PROGRAMMING

1 On or before February 1, 2024, the Departments of Mental Health and of
2 Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall jointly present the following
3 information to the House Committee on Human Services and to the Senate
4 Committee on Health and Welfare:

5 (1) a plan for staffing and programming at the forensic facility,
6 including whether any specialized training will be required for staff members
7 and whether any services provided at the forensic facility will be contracted to
8 third parties;

9 (2) a plan for the joint management of the forensic facility by the
10 Departments; and

11 (3) whether any additional resources are needed for the operation of the
12 forensic facility.

13 Sec. 21. REPORT; FORENSIC FACILITY

14 Annually, on or before January 15 between 2025 and 2030, the Departments
15 of Mental Health and of Disabilities, Aging, and Independent Living shall
16 jointly submit a report to the House Committee on Human Services and to the
17 Senate Committee on Health and Welfare containing:

18 (1) the average daily census at the forensic facility, including trends
19 over time;

1 (2) the number of individuals waitlisted for the forensic facility, and
2 where these individuals receive treatment or programming while waiting for a
3 bed at the forensic facility;

4 (3) aggregated demographic data about the individuals served at the
5 forensic facility; and

6 (4) an account of the number and types of emergency involuntary
7 procedures used at the forensic facility.

8 and by renumbering the remaining section to be numerically correct.

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15 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE